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A dearth of police oversight on Flock

A Post investigation leads to the discipline of two officers accused of misuse

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN, AARON SCHAFFER AND DREW HARWELL

Last month, as Indianapolis residents called for tighter restrictions on police surveillance, Police Chief Tanya Terry sought to reassure the public that her officers were using the 301 Flock cameras spread throughout the city solely to investigate crime.

In a July 17 op-ed published in the Indianapolis Business Journal, she wrote that her department has “clear policies” to ensure the camera network, which captures images of passing license plates, “is used for its intended purpose: solving crimes and saving lives.”

About three weeks later, a reporter at The Washington Post asked Terry’s department about potentially suspicious activity from one of its own officers. Using publicly available information, The Post found that an Indianapolis officer appeared to use Flock cameras to track vehicles used by his wife and two close personal acquaintances, searching 3,759 times over a 10-month period — an average of about 12 lookups per day.

Indianapolis soon suspended the officer without pay, started administrative and criminal investigations of his use of Flock, and is recommending his termination, according to Terry. The officer, whom The Post is not

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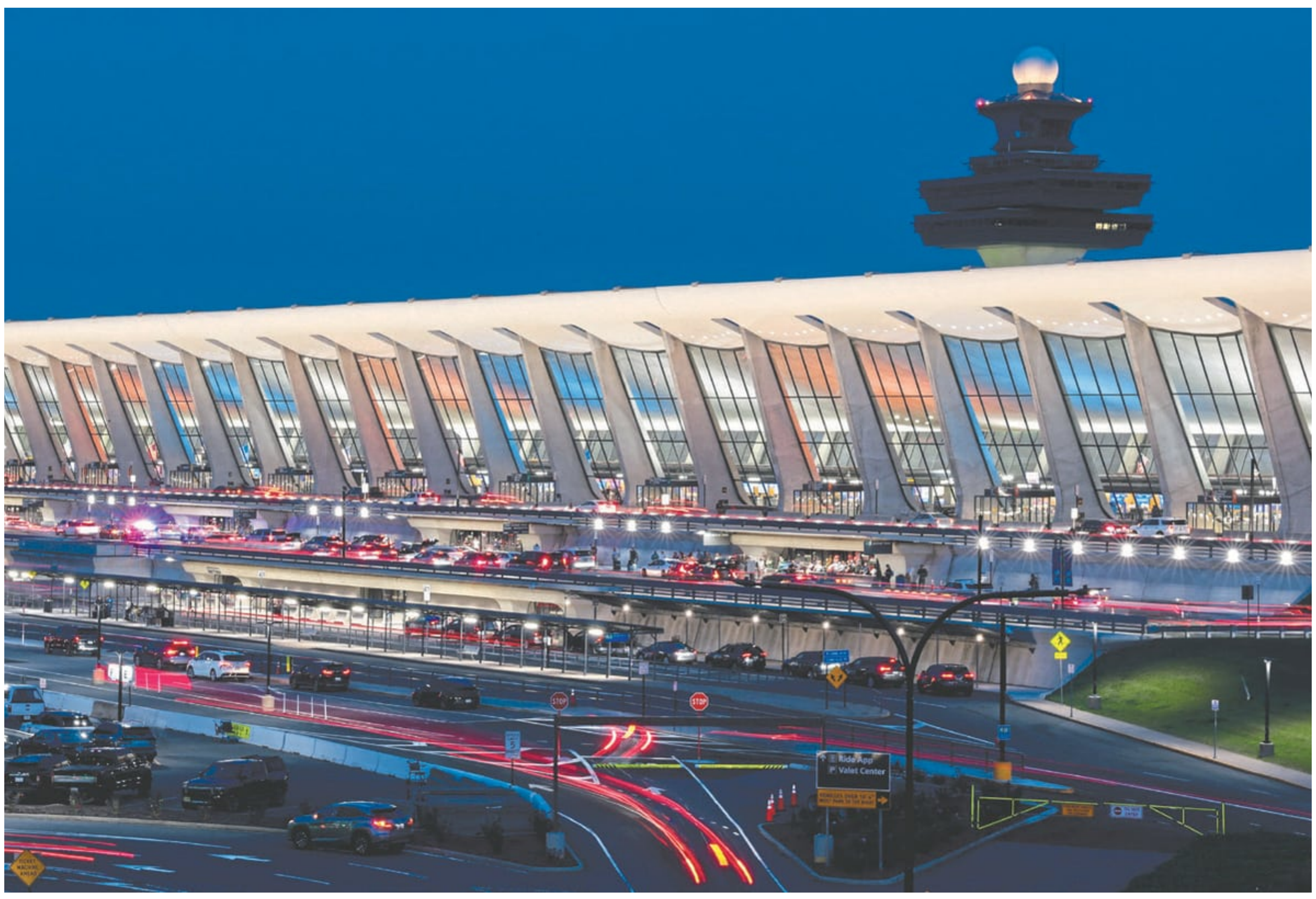

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People drop off and pick up travelers at the main terminal of Washington Dulles International Airport this month. Last month, President Donald Trump announced a sweeping multibillion-dollar plan to overhaul the airport, including doing away with the “people movers.”

Cancer treatment could face landmark moment

Positive results in therapy using same mRNA tech in covid vaccines

BY DANIEL WU AND ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA

An experimental drug that uses messenger RNA to deliver a vaccine customized to a patient’s tumors effectively prevented skin cancer recurrence in a large-scale clinical trial, according to new results announced by drugmakers Wednesday.

Researchers have explored the use of mRNA drugs — the same technology behind the leading coronavirus vaccines that helped end the pandemic — to treat cancer for years, but this one is the first to clear a Phase 3 trial, according to Moderna and Merck.

That opens the door for the Food and Drug Administration to potentially approve the first mRNA-based cancer treatment, in what would be a landmark moment for the fast-emerging field.

“It was an idea 10 years ago, it was a dream still three or four years ago, and now it feels like very much a reality,” Moderna President Stephen Hoge told The Washington Post.

The drug, intismeran autogene, treats melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, of which the National Cancer Institute estimates there will be more than 100,000 new cases this year. It can often recur even after a tumor is surgically removed.

On patients with resected melanoma — a tumor that was completely removed — the drug was previously found in Phase 2 trials to cut the risk of recurrence or death by nearly half after five years when combined with an approved immunotherapy, Keytruda, compared with patients who were just given Keytruda.

Under the same regimen,

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Billions approved for Dulles revamp

DITCH SHUTTLES AND BUILD NEW TUNNELS

Part of Trump’s campaign to remake Washington

BY LIAM SCOTT

Weeks after President Donald Trump unveiled a massive plan to renovate Dulles International Airport, the board that oversees the airport on Wednesday approved $15.5 billion to help fund the project.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority board of directors voted to approve the proposal, which includes $3.75 billion to build new underground tunnels and replace the airport’s long-criticized shuttles, dubbed “people movers,” that transport passengers across the tarmac.

“We look forward to the construction,” Jack Potter, the airport authority’s CEO, said at the meeting. “We look forward to continued growth at Dulles Airport, and we think we have a very bright future.”

The vote comes after Trump last month announced a more than $20 billion plan to remake Dulles, including building new terminals. The project is part of his broader campaign to remake the Washington region, which also includes a new White House ballroom and a 250-foot triumphal arch.

The Dulles renovations will be largely funded through municipal bonds. Potter has said the plan would not require federal

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In Ukraine, a call for wartime elections

Demand by dismissed defense minister could pose test to nation’s unity

BY DAVID L. STERN AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

KYIV — Mykhailo Fedorov, a chief architect of Ukraine’s drone warfare program, whose dismissal from his post as defense minister by President Volodymyr Zelensky set off mass protests last month, called on Tuesday for wartime elections in Ukraine.

Fedorov’s demand for elections, which are prohibited in wartime by Ukraine’s constitution and under the martial law adopted after Russia’s 2022 invasion, presents a remarkably direct challenge to Zelensky’s authority and a potential test of Ukrainian unity.

Russia repeatedly has sought to cast doubt on Zelensky’s political legitimacy by noting that elections have not been held in Ukraine since 2019. In Ukraine, the presidential term is five years, and absent Russia’s war, a vote should have occurred in 2024.

Zelensky and other top officials, as well as many of Ukraine’s Western allies, have long said that organizing presidential and

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Rise of the robots

People in costumes walk with robot dogs from the company VBOT on the opening day of the World Robot Conference on Wednesday in Beijing. Organizers say that more than 3,000 products are being shown at the multiday event as China showcases its rapidly growing robotics industry.

ICE nominee helped lead harsh crackdown

Lance Schroyer’s work offers a glimpse of what he might do if confirmed

BY SILVIA FOSTER-FRAU AND EMMANUEL MARTINEZ

Daniel Roque Olivares was driving to work on U.S. Highway 81 when a state trooper pulled up behind him. Within minutes, he was in custody for violating federal immigration laws, part of a crackdown that has been harsher for unauthorized immigrants in Oklahoma than for those in almost any other state.

A key leader in the enforcement effort has been Lance Schroyer, a former Oklahoma Highway Patrol major recently tapped by President Donald Trump to lead U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Schroyer helped spearhead the Highway Patrol’s effort to train all of its 700-plus troopers to enforce immigration laws and work with ICE to arrest undocumented people, according to the Department of Homeland Security and state officials. He was deputized to make ICE arrests himself last year after completing the 40-hour online training program — a shortened effort that some say does not adequately prepare officers for the fraught world of immigration enforcement.

Oklahoma is so rural that many residents must use highways patrolled by state troopers to get to work or run errands. Tim Tipton, commissioner for the state Department of Public Safety, said the highway patrol is therefore a critical partner in the Trump administration’s mass-deportation effort.

“The feds can never get this done on their own. They don’t have the capacity and never will — I don’t care how many people they hire,” said Tipton, who oversees the Highway Patrol and has worked closely with Schroyer. Instead, Tipton said, ICE will need

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At 37, she pretended to be 12. Now she’s on trial in a fraud case.

BY MARINA DIAS

BRASÍLIA — When police arrived to arrest the suspect, the woman at the door insisted there must be some mistake. The girl she had taken into her home was only 12, she said.

In her room, Gabriele sat on her bed eating lunch. She was surrounded by dolls and hand-drawn pictures.

“Amanda,” local police chief Rodrigo Gusso said, a name that was new to the girl’s hosts. “The charade is over.”

In the 14 months that she had lived with the couple in Joinville, Brazil, she spoke in a high-pitched, childlike voice. Now, at the sight of Gusso and two fellow officers, she stood, smoothed her heart-print shorts and dropped her tone to an adult register: “Should I come with you?”

Gabriele was, in fact, Amanda Maria Souza de Oliveira, a 37-year-old woman who had posed as a child in need for more than 15 years, to live off the kindness of strangers in what investigators described as “an elaborate fraud.”

Now she’s facing charges of fraud and identity theft in Brazil’s Santa Catarina state, an indictment alleging fraud in neighboring Paraná state, and investigations in other jurisdictions. A court in Santa Catarina ordered a mental health evaluation and found her competent to stand trial; the proceeding opens Wednesday.

Oliveira, through her lawyers, declined to be interviewed.

She acknowledges posing as a child, her lawyers say, but denies wrongdoing. One of her lawyers,

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Cancer therapy using mRNA technology shows promise in trial

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intismeran also prevented recurrence and metastasis in the larger, Phase 3 trial of 1,137 patients, Merck and Moderna said Wednesday. The companies did not release the full results of the study itself, which have not yet been independently reviewed, but said the trial met its primary endpoint of improving recurrence-free survival. They will announce data from the trial in an upcoming meeting.

Merck, which also makes Keytruda, and Moderna have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in personalized mRNA cancer-vaccine technology since the mid-2010s, well before the coronavirus pandemic.

The stakes extend well beyond melanoma. Experts said the trial's success could help establish a new way of treating cancer; versions of the treatment are already being studied in lung, kidney, bladder and other cancers.

"This is exciting," said Antoni Ribas, a professor of medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles, of the intismeran trial results. "That hasn't happened ever, with any cancer vaccine."

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The drug, intismeran autogene, treats melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

'The next frontier'

Intismeran represents a significant advance in cancer care.

Rather than giving every patient the same treatment, researchers first sequence a patient's tumor and compare it with normal cells to identify mutations unique to the cancer.

A computer algorithm then selects up to 34 of the resulting abnormal proteins most likely to attract an immune response, and those instructions are encoded into a custom-made mRNA vaccine for that individual patient.

The personalized mRNA vaccine and Keytruda are designed to deliver a one-two punch against cancer. The vaccine teaches the immune system to recognize mutations unique to a patient's tumor, essentially showing it what to attack.

Keytruda then helps release a "brake" that cancer can use to hold the immune system back, allowing immune cells to more effectively attack the cancer.

"This is representative of the next frontier of cancer immunotherapy," Karen Knudsen, CEO of the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, wrote to The Post.

Knudsen added that longer follow-ups would be needed to determine if the protection against recurrence caused by the drug continues to hold up in patients over time.

The safety profile of intismeran and Keytruda "remains consistent" with its previous reports, which have noted that the number of serious reactions were comparable to patients who received only Keytruda, Merck and Moderna said. The most commonly reported side effects related to intismeran were fatigue, pain at the site of injection, and chills, the drugmakers disclosed in December 2023.

MRNA-based treatments deliver instructions to cells to produce specific proteins that trigger the body's immune response and gained prominence as the platform that allowed drugmakers to speedily develop the coronavirus vaccines during the covid-19 pandemic. They have since come under fire from the Trump administration, which has cast largely unfounded claims about the technology's safety.

MRNA injections can be faster to design and manufacture than conventional vaccines. Drugmakers were able to pivot to produce coronavirus vaccines so quickly because of existing research into mRNA cancer treatments, said Hoge, the Moderna president.

"In many ways, covid [vaccines] depended upon our investments and strategy around oncology in order to come into existence," Hoge said. "This is a bit of coming home and seeing all that investment in messenger RNA technology really serve its original purpose."

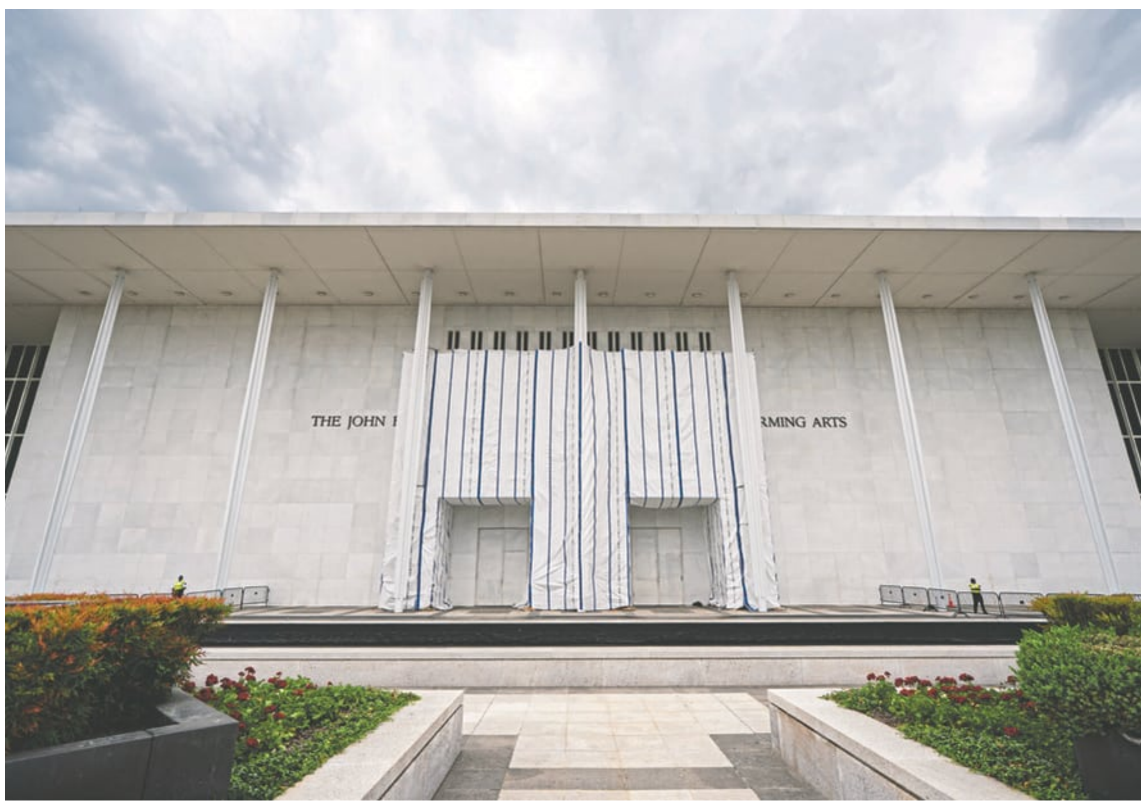
Hoge did not say when Moderna will apply for FDA approval of intismeran but said the company would move "as fast as possible."

Daniel Gilbert contributed to this report.

Kennedy Center tarp, a symbol of controversy, to stay up indefinitely

A Democrat is seeking to halt a plan to recognize Trump on the facade

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS



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Tarp covers the Kennedy Center days after crews erected it in June.

The Kennedy Center tarp is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

The center's leaders said Tuesday that they have kept a tarp-covered scaffolding up for more than two months so that crews can conduct water testing and make structural repairs to the front portico's roof overhang. The scaffolding was originally erected on June 12 to comply with a federal judge's order that President Donald Trump's name be removed from the center's facade.

The tarped scaffolding has sat virtually unused ever since, blocking nearly all of the center's Trump-less title. Lawyers for Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio), the ex officio member of the center's board who sued to get the president's name removed, called the center's explanation a pretext to effectively redact John F. Kennedy's name and thwart Congress's intent to memorialize him.

"His name should once again be visible on the facade and Defendants' childish refusal to accept this Court's ruling to that effect should end now," Nathaniel Zelinsky and Norm Eisen, lawyers for Beatty, wrote Tuesday in a court-ordered filing that included updates on the center's operations.

Zelinsky and Eisen asked U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper to demand that the center explain why it can't remove the tarp within 30 days. Starting in May, Cooper ruled the board had illegally voted to rename the center, directed the trustees to remove Trump's name and later demanded an explanation for the tarp's continued presence.

The tarp has become a character in the ongoing Kennedy Center drama, a concrete symbol people have used to lament and lampoon the controversy that has roiled the performing arts venue in the 18 months since Trump took it over. Tourists have made the pilgrimage to the center to take their photos with it. Others have used it as inspiration for costumes. Actor Woody Harrelson turned it into comedic fodder on June 28 while congratulating his friend Bill Maher on receiving the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor at what he initially called the "Trump Kennedy Center," before catching himself.

"No, all right, we fixed that — not so as you'd be able to notice," he told the crowd.

The center's explanation for the tarp's persistence came Tuesday night in its update to Cooper. Matt Floca, the center's executive director, said in a sworn statement that the tarp served as a "necessary safety barrier" to protect workers and the marble facade. A team of Justice Department lawyers led by Assistant Attorney General Brett Shumate said in their update to Cooper that the scaffolding and its "protective covering" are still needed for the upcoming renovation and offered no estimate of when the tarp might come down.

Beatty's lawyers were unpersuaded. The center said it needs the scaffolding to inspect the roof overhang, they noted, but the soffits sit some 20 feet above it. The center implied more scaffolding is coming to examine the rest of the roof, they wrote, but none has gone up in months, leaving only the center's name obscured. Courts are "not required to exhibit a naiveté from which ordinary citizens are free," they wrote, quoting an older court case.

Beatty's lawyers said they were also worried that the center had damaged the marble facade while adding and removing Trump's name.

The tarp is only the most visible front in an ongoing fight over the center's title. On Thursday, the trustees voted to inscribe Trump's name on the building's exterior. Congress passed a law two months after Kennedy's assassination that established the center as his "living memorial" and required that it be named after him — and only him.

To get around that, the board, which Trump chairs, approved a resolution calling by "all legal means" for an inscription beneath the center's sign that would read, "Restored and Renovated by President Donald J. Trump." If a Trump-named endowment fund reaches $100 million, the center would add a third line: "Endowed by the Trump Kennedy Center Fund."

In Tuesday's filing, Beatty's lawyers blasted the center for not putting the resolution on the meeting agenda or giving trustees a draft ahead of time.

"The latest renaming resolution is a breathtaking act of defiance," Zelinsky and Eisen said.

The center's lawyers committed to waiting until Sept. 8 to reinstall Trump's name, and Beatty is asking Cooper to rule the plan illegal before then.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Harvard settles in stolen cadavers case

Harvard University this week agreed to pay $53 million to resolve lawsuits alleging that a former employee stole and then sold cadavers donated to the medical school for research.

The agreement, which the courts must approve, would settle claims brought in 2023 by families after federal authorities indicted Cedric Lodge, who worked in the medical school morgue, for the illegal sale of human remains.

Instead of cremating the bodies after the research was completed, authorities say Lodge sold them to people in several states from 2018 to 2022. Lodge pleaded guilty in December and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

"These events do not reflect the reverence we hold for the altruistic individuals who selflessly donate their bodies to our Anatomical Gift Program to provide essential educational opportunities to medical and dental students, practicing surgeons, and allied health professionals," George Q. Daley, dean of the faculty of medicine at Harvard, and Bernard Chang, the dean for medical education at Harvard Medical School, said in a joint statement Monday. "We reaffirm our deep sorrow and empathy for the families of donors who may have been impacted."

Harvard said a third-party settlement administrator will be appointed to notify potential class members and to distribute settlement funds.

— Danielle Douglas-Gabriel

CAMPAIGNS

Graham stumbles over debate question

Sen. Darline Graham stumbled over a foreign policy question during the only debate of the South Carolina Republican Senate runoff election, exposing a central vulnerability for a candidate who has won President Donald Trump's support: her lack of political and policy experience.

The moment came Tuesday night when Graham was asked about Taiwan and the South China Sea, a major flash point in the United States' strategic competition with China. Graham acknowledged that she did not know enough about the issue to answer.

"I'm just going to be honest here," she said. "I'm not that informed on national security."

Gasps and boos could be heard from the audience.

The exchange was particularly striking given Graham's political lineage and Trump's backing. The president is scheduled to travel to Myrtle Beach on Friday to campaign for her. Graham lacks the foreign policy experience of her late brother, Sen. Lindsey Graham, who advised Trump on national security matters and for whom support of Taiwan was a major priority.

Darline Graham also lacks the governing experience of her opponent, Rep. Ralph Norman, a five-term congressman, who has campaigned on his long-standing conservative policy credentials.

Lindsey Graham died unexpectedly July 11. His sister was appointed to fill his seat temporarily, then won Trump's support to campaign for a full term. She came in first in the initial round of the primary this month and faces a runoff on Tuesday.

"My brother was in the Air Force for 33 years, so I will do everything I can to support the military," she said during the debate. "My dad was in the Army. I'm not a polished politician up here. National security is not my thing, not my area of expertise, but I do support the military."

— Cleve R. Wootson Jr.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Most Americans see AI as negative force

There's one thing uniting America's warring generations: revulsion toward artificial intelligence. A poll released Tuesday by Pew Research Center adds to the evidence that Americans believe AI is a negative force for humanity.

Pew found that 52 percent of American adults were "more concerned than excited" about the increased use of AI in daily life. That's up from about 38 percent in late 2022, just after the public debut of ChatGPT.

Pew also said that for the first time in its surveys, a majority of American adults under 30 are more concerned than excited about AI.

And it found that a growing share of younger Americans has become believers that AI will kill jobs. (Pollsters at Gallup also have found that young Americans are skeptical of AI.)

Executives in the AI industry and AI boosters including President Donald Trump can't stop talking about Americans' sour mood on the technology, but they haven't figured out clear ways to respond.

Dario Amodei, CEO of Anthropic, which makes the Claude chatbot, kicked off a storm on X this past weekend by saying the public hates AI partly because he and other people behind the technology haven't delivered on the major benefits they promised. Amodei had a suggestion for how AI can win over a skeptical public: "The thing that will work is actually curing cancer," he wrote.

— Shira Ovide

THE NATION

What to know about Natalie Harp, the Trump aide whom Ossoff put in the spotlight

The president's executive assistant was among a small group of people who secretly switched planes with Trump over a potential Iranian threat

BY VIOLET JIRA
AND SAMMY WESTFALL

Natalie Harp, one of President Donald Trump's most loyal and longest-serving aides, is in the spotlight after Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-Georgia) invoked the 35-year-old while criticizing the president in a reelection campaign rally.

Ossoff, widely floated as a potential 2028 presidential candidate, noted that Harp was among the small group of people who joined Trump when he covertly swapped planes last month in response to a potential Iranian assassination threat in Turkey.

Here's what to know about one of Trump's ever-present White House aides.

Who is Natalie Harp?

Harp's official title is executive assistant to the president, a role that in previous administrations involved a mix of coordination, communication management and other secretarial duties.

Harp's role in Trump's White House is slightly different. She is known by some in Trump's orbit as the "human printer" — a frequent presence at his side with hard copies of news articles, social media posts and messages for the president, including during golf outings. Because Trump prefers reading on paper, Harp has a tremendous amount of influence over what information makes it in front of the president.

Harp routinely posts for the president on his Truth Social account. Video resurfaced this week showing Trump watching a speech by then-Vice President Kamala Harris in 2024 and dictating possible posts next to Harp, who typed them up in real time and sent them out with his signature style, including sporadically capitalized words and exclamation points.

In between Trump's presidencies, Harp was part of Trump's inner circle of supporters who worked for him at his Florida Mar-a-Lago estate. Some other aides distanced themselves from the president after his first term, following his two impeachments and multiple criminal investigations. Harp also was an adviser to Trump's 2020 campaign and an aide to his 2024 campaign.

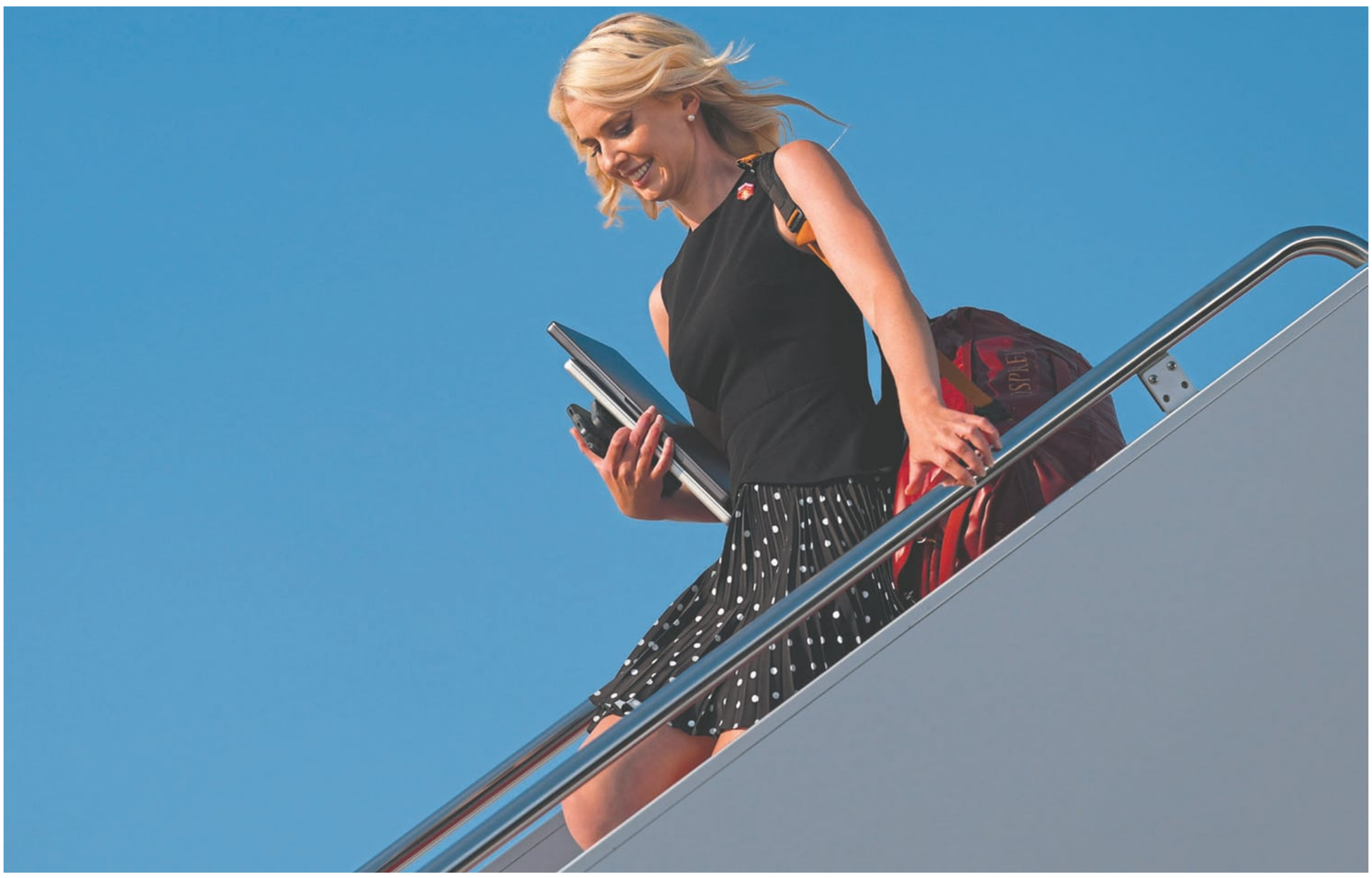
What did Jon Ossoff say about Harp?

Ossoff appeared to mention Harp at a rally Sunday, putting a renewed spotlight on the aide.

"He golfs and trades stocks. See, he doesn't want to do the job. He wants to build his ballroom and travel with Natalie on their apparently defenseless flying palace gifted by the emir of Qatar," Ossoff said, drawing a loud response from the crowd in Georgia.

A CNN reporter asked Trump about Ossoff's comments Monday, to which the president responded by disparaging Ossoff's appearance and accosting the reporter about her question.

Later, the White House's "rapid response" team posted a video of the exchange on X, calling the reporter a "disgraceful, humiliating embarrassment to her alleged profession" and mentioning her children.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Natalie Harp exits Air Force One this month. She has repeatedly credited a law signed by the president with saving her life by giving her access to experimental treatment.

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Harp follows President Donald Trump at Joint Base Andrews in July. Harp routinely posts for the president on his Truth Social account.

In a statement to The Washington Post, White House spokesman Davis Ingle called Harp "one of the most loyal and hardest working aides on President Trump's team" and called Ossoff's rhetoric "cringeworthy."

Harp's rise through Trumpworld

Before becoming a member of Trump's close circle, Harp described herself as a self-employed entrepreneur. Diagnosed with Stage 2 bone cancer in the early 2010s, she has repeatedly credited a law signed by Trump in his first term with saving her life by giving her access to experimental treatment.

"We all know the story about the Good Samaritan. But what you don't know is I was that forgotten person on the side of the road … and left to die of cancer," Harp recounted at an event with the president in 2019. "But then, an outsider — my Good Samaritan, President Donald J. Trump — he saw me there, and he didn't walk by. He stopped."

Experts told The Post in 2020 that it was unlikely the law had any effect on her case. The drug Harp credited Trump with helping her gain access to was already approved by the Food and Drug Administration at the time she received it. Experts said she would have been able to access it without "Right to Try," which is a pathway to access medication not yet approved by the FDA.

Harp's story landed her on Trump's radar and a spot at the 2020 Republican National Convention, where she again credited him with saving her life.

Harp was a host on the right-wing One America News from 2020 to 2022 where she praised the president and his policies on her show "The Real Story."

The Post in 2022 reported that some longtime aides were distressed by the influence of Harp, who was rarely absent from Trump's side and is said to cater attentively to his need for constant praise.

"Like other staffers, I do spend time with him," Harp wrote in an email response in 2022, adding that she has "a great respect" for Trump.

Why did Harp join Trump on the secret plane swap?

When Trump secretly left the Air Force One jet in light of a potential Iranian assassination threat in Turkey in July, he did not bring Cabinet officials along with him to a separate military jet. But he did bring some of his loyal and longest-serving aides, including Harp, Post reporting found.

New York Times reporter Maggie Haberman told MS NOW that she could guess why Harp was among those transferred to a secret plane with Trump: "Natalie Harp, because she is sort of his binky, for lack of a better way of putting it, a comfort blanket," Haberman said. She said that aide Walt Nauta, who was a co-defendant in a case brought against Trump for allegedly handling classified documents at Mar-a-Lago, served a similar role.

Haberman added that it may also have been because Harp, along with White House Deputy Chief of Staff Dan Scavino, has "some access to-slash-control over his social media."

Prosecutors suggest Comey posted '86 47' seashell photo to boost his book

BY PERRY STEIN

The Justice Department argued this week that former FBI director James B. Comey intentionally threatened the life of President Donald Trump in a social media post in part to stir controversy and boost sales of his then-forthcoming novel.

Prosecutors laid out parts of their controversial case in motions late Tuesday against Comey, whom they charged in April with threatening the president by posting a photo on social media of seashells arranged to spell out "86 47."

Trump is the 47th president, while "86" can mean banning or removing someone, and sometimes can also be slang for killing them. Comey, a longtime outspoken foe of the president, quickly removed the post after receiving criticism that the phrase could be used to communicate a threat of violence.

The latest prosecution motions were filed in response to arguments made last month by Comey's defense attorneys that a federal judge should dismiss the case because the seashell photo did not constitute a true threat, and because the case amounted to an unlawful vindictive prosecution based on Trump's personal hostility toward the former FBI director.

Prosecutors responded Tuesday that regardless of Trump's feelings toward Comey, there is no evidence that those who actually filed the charges — prosecutors in the Eastern District of North Carolina (EDNC) — were acting vindictively. They said the prosecutor who brought the case did not face pressure to indict Comey and did not discuss the case with Attorney General Todd Blanche until the day before the grand jury proceedings.

"Comey's motion falters from the start because he does not even attempt to make the required showing," the motion from prosecutors states. "He does not meaningfully suggest — much less provide evidence — that any EDNC prosecutor acted with animus at all."

Legal experts and Democratic lawmakers have sharply criticized the case against Comey as built on flimsy evidence. Given the high legal threshold to charge someone with a threat based on their speech, it would be tough for the Justice Department to win a conviction based on a photo of seashells, they contend.

Comey has said he stumbled on the shell formation during a walk along the beach and did not arrange the shells himself. He has also said he did not know that those numbers could be construed as a violent threat and that he removed the photo as soon as he was informed of that.

The crux of the government's argument Tuesday was that Comey posted the picture against the backdrop of a heightened threat environment, including recent assassination attempts against Trump. The prosecutors said that "there is no serious dispute" about whether someone would view Comey's post as a threat.

The prosecutors also attempted to show how common the numbers "86" are in modern parlance, citing Merriam-Webster and Wikipedia entries defining the term. Comey's defense lawyers have argued that numerous people have posted "86 47" messages without being prosecuted, because the term usually means to remove someone.

The prosecutors also said that Comey posted the photo just as he was about to publish a novel about a far-right media personality whose words inspire his followers to commit violence against their political enemies.

The motions argued that this background is critical as the judge decides whether the case can move forward.

"Such context includes, but is not limited to, the heightened threat environment, the backdrop of Comey's eerily on-the-nose novel, the different common usages of the phrase "86 47," the phrase's use as a term of art in the context of organized crime, Comey's professional experience with such crime, the reactions of persons who viewed the post, the reactions of law enforcement officers including the FBI and Secret Service, and Comey's apparent financial incentive to stir up controversy," the prosecutors wrote.

Comey was charged by a federal grand jury in April with one count of making threats against the president and another count of transmitting a threat across state lines.

Prosecutors investigated the seashell case for a year before they indicted Comey. During that time, Trump repeatedly called for Comey's prosecution.

The pressure intensified after a previous Justice Department effort to prosecute Comey, on allegations he lied Congress, was thrown out by a federal judge who concluded the U.S. attorney overseeing the case had been illegally appointed.

In Comey's motion last month claiming a vindictive prosecution, his lawyers argued that Trump's repeated insults against Comey and calls for his prosecution are the sole reason the Justice Department filed charges.

"The President translated that malice into action by prodding the DOJ to prosecute Mr. Comey — particularly in the public social-media post claiming that Mr. Comey is 'guilty as hell' of some unspecified crime and instructing then-Attorney General Bondi to seek "JUSTICE" against him without 'delay,'" they wrote.

Trump plans to meet with Kim Jong Un later this year

Past meetings have failed to produce agreement on nuclear program

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U.S. armored vehicles gather to cross a river at a training field in Yeoncheon, South Korea, near the border with North Korea, on Monday.

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President Donald Trump told reporters on Wednesday that his relationship with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was an asset for the United States and the world.

President Donald Trump said he plans to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un later this year and offered an updated assessment of Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal, saying it possesses "57 very powerful nuclear weapons."

During an impromptu meeting with reporters outside the White House on Wednesday morning, Trump said his relationship with Kim was an asset for the United States and the world.

"I get along with him well," Trump said. "And you know what? The fact that I get along with him, that's a very good thing, not a bad thing."

Trump said North Korea should never have been allowed to acquire nuclear weapons but suggested that Kim could be managed as long as the U.S. had strong leadership.

"As long as we have a smart president, he's going to be fine," Trump said.

Trump's statement that North Korea has 57 nuclear warheads was within the range of widely reported estimates but was more specific than past U.S. government statements.

"They should have never allowed it. If I were president, I wouldn't have allowed it. But he's got them," Trump said of the North Korean leader.

In fact, North Korea's nuclear arsenal is thought to have expanded markedly since the first Trump-Kim summit, in 2018.

The White House did not immediately confirm the plans for a Trump-Kim meeting. Trump is expected to be in Asia in mid-November for the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, which is being held in Shenzhen, China.

On Sunday, Trump said he had directed Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to "substantially reduce" military exercises with South Korea, citing his "very good relationship" with Kim.

A day later, speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, Trump attributed his frustration with Seoul to its refusal to assist the U.S. in defending the Strait of Hormuz. Trump said he had recently asked the South Korean president "to give us a little hand" with the operation.

"He said, 'No, thanks,'" Trump recalled. "And I said … we have 39,000 soldiers over there guarding you from Kim Jong Un, your next-door neighbor, and you're not going to help us on a very easy military operation in Iran? … I see. Well, why are we involved in helping you?"

Later Wednesday, Trump said he had scaled back the exercises in part because of his friendly relationship with North Korea's leader.

"I didn't like the fact that we're doing these massive military exercises really against North Korea," he said. "It was an exercise against North Korea when I'm friendly with him, when I don't see anything happening for certainly two and a half years. It's not going to happen with me. But I don't see anything happening."

North Korea has expanded its nuclear arsenal despite decades of U.S. sanctions and diplomatic pressure aimed at forcing Pyongyang to give up its weapons. U.S. officials and outside experts have previously estimated that North Korea has 50 to 60 nuclear warheads. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute estimates that North Korea has enough fissile material for at least 30 more nuclear weapons.

Trump has long taken a more personal approach to Kim compared with previous presidents. During his first term, the two leaders met three times — in Singapore in 2018, in Hanoi in 2019 and later that year in the Korean Peninsula's demilitarized zone — but their diplomacy has not produced an agreement curbing North Korea's nuclear program.

The Iran war appears to have reinforced Kim's view that rapid nuclear development is critical to the regime's survival. In a speech to North Korea's Supreme People's Assembly in March, he railed against U.S. demands for denuclearization, saying the "present situation clearly proves" the regime was right to reject U.S. pressure. He described the country's status as a nuclear power as "irreversible."

Kim has, however, left the door open to talks if Washington drops the demand that North Korea surrender its nuclear arsenal, and he has hinted at an affinity for Trump.

"Personally, I still have fond memories of U.S. President Trump," Kim told the Supreme People's Assembly in September, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Kim rarely travels outside North Korea, and his foreign trips involve extensive security and preparation. if he were to meet with Trump in China, that would require coordination with the Chinese government.

The North Korean leader typically travels abroad on a heavily armored train, a tradition inherited from his father, Kim Jong Il, who reportedly was afraid of flying. But Kim Jong Un has recently broken with that trend. He traveled to his 2018 summit with Trump in Singapore aboard an Air China Boeing 747 provided by China at Pyongyang's request.

Analysts say the strategic landscape has changed substantially since that meeting. Kim has strengthened ties with Beijing, including through Xi Jinping's June state visit to Pyongyang, and forged a much closer relationship with Moscow, sending troops to support Russia's war against Ukraine.

"A meeting in Shenzhen would also be classic Trump: use an existing trip to create a high-profile diplomatic moment. But the strategic landscape is much harder [for Trump] than it was in 2018," said Craig Singleton, senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

"North Korea's nuclear capabilities have grown substantially, Kim's relationships with Beijing and Moscow are stronger, and there is little evidence he is interested in trading away his arsenal," Singleton added.

Rep. Cory Mills loses GOP primary after misconduct allegations

BY ANNA LISS-ROY

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Rep. Cory Mills (R-Florida) at the Capitol in April. Mills faces allegations of sexual misconduct and domestic abuse, on top of campaign finance violations. Mills has denied the allegations.

Rep. Cory Mills was defeated by a Republican challenger Tuesday in a Florida primary that tested voters' tolerance of several serious controversies the lawmaker faces, including claims involving sexual misconduct and domestic violence.

Ryan Elijah, a former news anchor who secured endorsements from two Florida Republican House members, beat Mills and two other candidates. Democrats had hoped for a Mills victory, believing the scandal-laden Republican could make the reliably red district vulnerable to an upset in November. Elijah's win could make that more of a challenge.

Ahead of the race, the National Republican Congressional Committee projected confidence about holding the district. "Florida's 7th Congressional District is ruby red, and it will stay that way in November," said NRCC spokeswoman Maureen O'Toole. Democrats, however, have identified the district as one of the key seats they are actively working to flip.

Mills faces allegations of sexual misconduct and domestic abuse, on top of campaign finance violations. He is under investigation by the House Ethics Committee, which said this spring it had authorized more than 20 subpoenas, collected thousands of documents and contacted dozens of witnesses to review allegations, including possible domestic violence. Mills has denied the allegations against him and has sought to portray them as politically motivated.

Leading up to the primary, a spokesperson for Mills did not respond to questions about whether he believed the allegations would affect his chances in the primary or Republicans' chances of holding the seat in November.

But months of headlines and a growing list of scandals alienated him from some Republicans in his own state. Two of Mills's colleagues, fellow Reps. Anna Paulina Luna and Mike Haridopolos, endorsed Elijah.

"We need leaders in Congress who serve with integrity, energy, and an unwavering commitment to the people who sent them there," the lawmakers wrote in a social media post backing Elijah this month.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) also declined to back Mills. "I have not endorsed Cory Mills, and I do not support Cory Mills," DeSantis told reporters Friday during a visit to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, near Mills's district.

President Donald Trump endorsed Mills in February, but has not posted about him since — even as he praised other House Republicans on social media. On Monday night, Trump posted endorsements of each incumbent Florida House Republican running for reelection — except for Mills. The White House did not respond to a request Monday on whether the president stands behind his endorsement of the lawmaker.

Mills's GOP challengers used the allegations to attack him. In addition to Elijah, Michael Johnson, a former Defense Department analyst and veteran, and Sarah Ulrich, a small business owner, also competed in the Republican primary.

Mills's decision to press on in his race set him apart from other colleagues who came under investigation by House Ethics Committee this year.

When Reps. Eric Swalwell (D-California) and Tony Gonzales (R-Texas) faced possible expulsion votes related to allegations of sexual misconduct this spring, the two men resigned. Swalwell denied an accusation of sexual assault but acknowledged some past "mistakes in judgment." Gonzales acknowledged an affair with a former member of his staff, a violation of House rules.

Early this month, when a House Ethics Committee report detailed "persistent unprofessional and inappropriate conduct" by Rep. Chuck Edwards toward two young female staffers, the North Carolina Republican announced within days he was dropping his bid for reelection.

Edwards said that none of his conduct was intended to be a sexual or romantic advance, but that his behavior patterns "would lead a reasonable observer to interpret it as such," the committee found.

In recent weeks, Rep. Max Miller (R-Ohio) has ignored calls to step aside after his ex-wife alleged in court filings that Miller threw hot water on her from a pan of eggs he had just cooked, once held a gun to her head and hurt their daughter, who suffered a fractured collarbone in February. Miller has dismissed the allegations, which are also being investigated by the House Ethics Committee. But the Ohio primary was May 5; the allegations exploded after he had secured the Republican nomination.

Mills's own slate of controversies, however, came to light long before his primary election.

Last fall, his colleagues voted to refer a vote on censuring Mills to the Ethics Committee. The panel has since said it is investigating "serious and complex" allegations against him, including possible domestic violence and campaign finance violations, based on a report from the Office of Congressional Conduct, which found Mills's campaign may have broken election finance law by accepting excessive contributions and that he may have profited from federal contracts for arms while in Congress.

In February 2025, D.C. police responded to a report that Mills had assaulted a woman. Body camera footage and documents obtained by The Washington Post this spring showed she changed her account after appearing to talk to the congressman. The incident is part of the Ethics Committee's investigation. Mills denied the woman's claim he had assaulted her. The woman declined to comment.

Last October, a Florida judge granted an order of protection against Mills in favor of an ex-girlfriend who accused him of threatening her with revenge porn. Mills has denied the charges and said they were intended to damage him politically.

He has also faced other controversies related to his military service: last May, NOTUS reported that five people, including two men whose lives Mills was credited with saving, did not remember Mills being present during the 2003 incidents for which he was awarded a Bronze Star. Mills has stood by his service record, and wrote Monday on X that the Army "verified my war time medals."

In Florida, win by democratic socialist defies voter trends

Angie Nixon was the clear underdog heading into the Senate primary

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Florida state Rep. Angie Nixon visits a church in Hallandale Beach on Monday. "We definitely knew we were going to win. We just didn't know we were going to win by that much," Nixon told The Post on Wednesday, hours after her race was called.

A democratic socialist pulled off a stunning upset in Florida's Democratic primary for a U.S. Senate seat Tuesday, defeating her better-funded opponent with a strong showing in communities where progressives usually struggle.

State Rep. Angie Nixon's victory over retired Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman was powered by voters in Florida's lowest-income and least-college-educated counties, as well as the ones with the most Black voters, according to a Washington Post analysis of election and demographic data.

That coalition built by Nixon, who joined the Democratic Socialists of America a few weeks ago, defies the traditional voting bloc for left-wing candidates who have won primaries this year.

Nixon was the clear underdog headed into Tuesday's contest. The two-term lawmaker from Jacksonville raised just under $1 million since entering the race this year, compared with the $16 million Vindman raised nationally from Democrats drawn to his history as a key witness in President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial. Nixon's 12-percentage-point victory was among the biggest primary shockers this year and the latest example of a left-wing insurgent toppling a favorite of the Democratic establishment.

"We definitely knew we were going to win. We just didn't know we were going to win by that much," Nixon told The Post on Wednesday, hours after her race was called.

Nixon, however, distinguished her victory from the slate of democratic socialists who have scored upset victories in Democratic primaries nationwide. While she ran on progressive policies such as universal child care and Medicare-for-all, she said she did not agree with the DSA on all issues and believed her campaign, not a national organization, allowed her to build a coalition that looked different from other democratic-socialist wins.

"I know people think that I'm this overnight success story, but I'm not. I've been doing the work," she said. Nixon has been a Democratic organizer for decades and unseated an incumbent to join the Florida House in 2020. "Also, I am a really good campaigner, and I am very strategic. I mean, I'm going to honk my horn a little bit."

Nixon, 42, was not endorsed by the DSA or any of its local chapters in Florida, so she was less tied to the group's brand, and she said she also joined the Working Families Party, another progressive entity. Moderates prevailed elsewhere in primaries: David Jolly, a former Republican congressman turned Trump critic, handily won the Democratic nomination for governor, and Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D) easily fended off a democratic socialist primary challenger.

But Richie Floyd, a DSA member and St. Petersburg City Council member, said her victory still represents a win for the broader progressive movement, which is aligned on issues such as Medicare-for-all and the rights of Palestinians.

"She won on her own merits as a great candidate that connected with voters, but her platform and values show that DSA has a bright future in this state," Floyd said.

Florida, once a swing state, is not considered a Senate battleground. National Democrats hoped Vindman, with his sizable war chest, could make the race more interesting, but nonpartisan election handicappers say incumbent Sen. Ashley Moody (R) is heavily favored in November, despite having been nominated to the job and not being widely known in the state. The winner in the November special election, triggered by Marco Rubio stepping down to become secretary of state, will serve through 2028.

Some political strategists have said any hope of pulling off an upset victory in the general election vanished with Nixon's nomination, whom they consider too far left for Florida's electorate and unable to raise the money needed to compete.

Nixon made headlines this year when she staged a sit-in at Gov. Ron DeSantis's (R) office to protest his gerrymandered congressional maps. She was arrested after refusing to leave. Set to face a trial next month, Nixon turned a July court date into a boost for her campaign on social media.

That boost, combined with Vindman largely ignoring his primary challenge to focus on the general election, allowed Nixon to assemble a winning coalition that looked quite different from those backing progressive statewide candidates in other states, including Michigan and Wisconsin. There, the progressive candidates typically did best in more college-educated and younger areas, and sometimes floundered in lower-income counties and those with more Black residents.

That was not the case in Florida. Nixon, who is Black, won by 30 points in Florida's counties with the most Black residents, as well as its least-college-educated counties.

While Black voters historically have powered the victories of establishment-backed Democrats, Floyd, who is Black, said that the Democratic establishment in Florida has been viewed less and less "as a staunch defender of our rights." That's created an opening for progressives to win over Black voters with populist economic appeals, Floyd said.

Like other progressives, Nixon dominated in younger areas. Counties with the most young adults backed her by about 30 points, while counties with the fewest young adults went for Vindman by a 20-point margin. Vindman performed best in Sumter County, the oldest county in the country, which includes the retiree haven of The Villages.

Nixon also won suburban counties that often reject progressives in Democratic primaries, while posting significant margins in the major urban areas where left-wing candidates often excel.

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Nixon's victory also benefited from Vindman's mistakes.

Steve Schale, a longtime Democratic strategist in Florida, said that while Vindman raised millions, most of his spending was focused on preparing for the general election and not communicating with primary voters. Some Democrats said Vindman's primary strategy made him look arrogant, a view that was especially damaging because the candidate moved to Florida only a few years earlier.

"He was more of a national figure than he was a state figure," Schale said. "She ran a better race and had more excitement on the ground."

The Vindman strategy appeared to bother Nixon, even after she won the primary.

"I love my state, and what I won't allow is people to come to my state and disrespect people, and act as though they want to represent them," Nixon said. "If you want to represent people, you've got to go talk to them."

Nixon beat Vindman in Broward, his home county and the state's most heavily Democratic county. Corey Shearer, president of the Broward County Democratic Black Caucus, said Nixon turned a diverse coalition of volunteers into a strong organizing force that knocked on far more doors and made far more phone calls.

Nixon offered voters "the fighting spirit" that they were looking for, Shearer said, while Vindman, because of his role in Trump's impeachment, represented much of the "resistance" that stood up to Trump in the halls of power in Washington during his term.

"She captured that when she said, 'It's time to stand up,'" Shearer said. "Everyone was ready for that."

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Tuesday's contests, in four states, bred some surprises

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Many of the highest-profile elections on Tuesday night went just as expected. But across the country and down the ballot in four states, there were some surprises.

In a onetime battleground state that has shifted firmly to the right, Florida Democrats took dueling approaches as they attempt to win statewide for the first time since 2018. They picked a democratic socialist to run for Senate and a former Republican to run for governor.

GOP voters picked one House incumbent to succeed Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) as governor and ousted another mired in scandal whom DeSantis declined to support.

A Democrat is locked in a tight race for a special election for a heavily Republican Pennsylvania state House district, and President Donald Trump's pick for Wyoming governor lost to a state lawmaker.

Here's a rundown from Tuesday's elections.

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Florida Republican gubernatorial candidate Byron Donalds, center, stands with his family at a primary election party in Orlando.

Scandal in Washington topples a GOP incumbent in Florida

Of eight Florida House incumbents who faced primary challenges, only one lost: Cory Mills (R).

Mills, a two-term lawmaker from the Daytona Beach area, faces mounting allegations of sexual misconduct, domestic abuse and campaign finance violations. The House Ethics Committee said it authorized more than 20 subpoenas as it investigates him.

As DeSantis stayed out of the race, Trump stopped publicly backing Mills, and some of Mills's House GOP colleagues endorsed a challenger. Primary voters in his district followed suit: They picked former news anchor Ryan Elijah by a margin of 13 percentage points, signaling voter distaste for incumbents' scandals.

In a Truth Social post Wednesday morning, Trump endorsed Elijah.

"I told Congressman Cory Mills of Florida, a friend of mine, to get out of the Race, but he wouldn't listen," Trump wrote. "He thought he could win, so who can blame him? We now have a great candidate, Ryan Elijah, running in his place! Ryan stands for EVERYTHING MAGA, and is respected by ALL."

Democrats pick a former Republican and a new DSA member

Democrats haven't won statewide in Florida since 2018, and they face long odds this year. A pair of wild cards who won over primary voters will try to reverse the party's losing streak.

David Jolly, a Republican turned independent Trump critic turned Democrat, beat challengers from the left to take on Rep. Byron Donalds (R) in the governor's race.

He'll be on the ballot alongside Angie Nixon, a progressive state lawmaker from Jacksonville who recently joined the Democratic Socialists of America but had not been endorsed by the group or any of its chapters. Facing Alexander Vindman, a key witness in Trump's first impeachment trial, she overcame a massive disadvantage in fundraising and spending. She will face Sen. Ashley Moody (R), who is in her second year in Congress after being appointed to fill the seat left open when Marco Rubio became secretary of state.

Donalds and Moody will be heavily favored. Although this election will herald the end of DeSantis's ironfisted leadership in Florida, he has managed to turn the former swing state into a conservative bastion.

Florida House Democrats hold on for now

DeSantis's move to redraw the state's congressional map and give the GOP a boost scrambled the field for many House races.

But some of the incumbents whose districts were splintered managed to hang on: Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D), who faced criticism for shifting to run in a predominantly Black seat, beat four Black candidates.

Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D), a moderate, ran in a new district, a battleground where he defeated a democratic socialist. He will now face a self-described "America First" mayor.

As in that race, Democrats are expected to fight for other seats that were redrawn to favor Republicans: In Tampa, Rep. Kathy Castor (D) is facing former state lawmaker Mike Beltran, while an empty seat in southern Florida pits restaurant franchisee Casey Askar (R) against Pia Dandiya (D), a tech executive and former teacher.

The GOP's best flip opportunity is likely to come in the Orlando area, where the Republican primary to take on Rep. Darren Soto (D) was too close to call early Wednesday.

Another loss for Trump in a governor's race

The power of Trump's endorsement took another blow after his preferred candidate in Wyoming's gubernatorial primary, Megan Degenfelder, lost to state Sen. Eric Barlow.

Degenfelder, the state's superintendent of public instruction, secured Trump's endorsement before she even announced her campaign. But Barlow had years of experience in party leadership in the state legislature, as well as the cash advantage.

Gubernatorial candidates in Iowa, Minnesota, South Carolina and Georgia also lost GOP primaries despite Trump's backing.

Mixed results for Wyoming's right wing

In a deep red state like Wyoming, political fights are usually about how far right Republicans should go.

State Rep. Rachel Rodriguez-Williams, chair of the ultraconservative Wyoming Freedom Caucus, accused Barlow of being insufficiently conservative during his time as House speaker and opposed his gubernatorial run. Others in Wyoming's right flank did well on Tuesday.

Rep. Harriet Hageman, Trump's pick for the open Senate seat vacated by the retiring Sen. Cynthia Lummis, won her race handily. Secretary of State Chuck Gray, aligned with the Freedom Caucus, won the crowded primary for the state's sole House seat, vacated by Hageman, a conservative who unseated the fierce Republican Trump critic Liz Cheney in 2022.

A surprising showing for Democrats in Pennsylvania

In a Pennsylvania special election, Democrat Brandon Dukes held a narrow lead over Republican Scott Timko in a state House district that Trump carried by 18 percentage points in 2024. The race remained uncalled early Wednesday morning.

The district includes parts of Butler County close to the site where Trump was shot at during a campaign rally two years ago. Tuesday's winner will complete the months left in the term of a lawmaker who stepped down. Dukes and Timko are also competing in November for a full term.

While special elections generally have low turnout, Tuesday's contest could be an early sign of shifting political sentiments in the swing state. Pennsylvania is home to several battleground congressional districts in the fight for control of the U.S. House.

Democrats have won or overperformed expectations in special elections in the past year, including an upset in a Florida state legislative district that includes the president's Mar-a-Lago estate.

AIPAC makes a difference

The force of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee was on display in a California special election where the pro-Israel lobby's last-minute intervention may have thinned the margin between two Democrats competing for the seat vacated by Eric Swalwell (D).

AIPAC's super PAC, the United Democracy Project, swooped in and spent millions of dollars on advertising in the final two weeks of the race. The election was too close to call Tuesday despite state Sen. Aisha Wahab, a critic of Israel, finishing with a double-digit lead over her opponent, Melissa Hernandez, in the primary.

AIPAC's involvement in races has become controversial, including in Michigan, where Democratic Senate nominee Abdul El-Sayed turned its super PAC's massive spending against him into a rallying cry for his supporters. Tuesday's outcome showed that despite its polarizing brand, AIPAC still wields power in congressional races.

Alaska sets up competitive Senate showdown

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R) and former representative Mary Peltola (D) advanced to the general election in Alaska's Senate race.

The state's unusual ranked-choice system means two additional candidates who finished lower in the primary will also make the general election ballot. But it remained unclear Wednesday morning who the final two candidates will be.

Sullivan is one of Democrats' biggest targets this year in their bid to retake control of the Senate. Peltola, who was previously the state's sole House member, was recruited by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (New York) and has been an adept fundraiser.

Democrats eye advantage as they win special elections in Trump country

In president's second term, blue candidates consistently overperform

BY PRAVEENA
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The Democratic Party made its mark Tuesday for the second time in a place anchored to Donald Trump's identity, dramatically overperforming in a Pennsylvania district near where the president survived an assassination attempt during the 2024 election.

Democrat Brandon Dukes was narrowly leading Republican Scott Timko in a special election for a Pennsylvania state House seat. As of Wednesday afternoon, the race remained uncalled, but Dukes's lead is remarkable considering Trump won the district by 18 percentage points in 2024, and Republicans have held the state seat for decades.

Dukes's feat comes months after another Democrat, Emily Gregory, pulled off an upset in a special election for a Florida state House seat, defeating a Trump-endorsed candidate in the heavily Republican district where the president votes. Gregory's district is home to Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.

With their unexpected performances, Dukes and Gregory put blue stamps on deeply red areas, continuing a trend of Democrats consistently overperforming in special elections during Trump's second term and reinforcing the enthusiasm gap between Democrats and Republicans ahead of the midterms.

Here's why that advantage matters.

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Josh Shapiro, the Democratic governor of Pennsylvania, is hoping his party can build on off-year electoral wins.

Democratic voters are unusually motivated

In primaries and special elections across the country, voters have turned out for Democrats in higher numbers this year than in the past few election cycles — an early sign that the party's supporters are energized ahead of November.

Polls also show the gap, with Democrats' responses indicating that they are more likely to vote than Republicans.

A recent Washington Post analysis found that Democratic turnout in primaries has been considerably higher than Republican turnout and that the party's voters have been showing up in greater numbers even in races that are not hotly contested or likely to result in competitive general elections.

Another examination, in the Substack newsletter "The Downballot," which analyzes election results, found that Democrats were overperforming Kamala Harris's 2024 vote share by an average of 12.5 percentage points in 110 special elections since January 2025.

Democrats are making the case that motivated voters will propel them toward taking back the U.S. House majority. Midterms tend to favor the party not in power.

To flip the chamber, Democrats will need a net gain of three to four seats.

Control of the House probably will come down to fewer than two dozen out of all 435 races this year, and three of those most competitive districts are in Pennsylvania.

What can we expect in November?

While polling and the special-election storylines suggest that Democrats have enthusiasm in their favor, there are no guarantees that they will win the midterms.

Special and general elections can't be compared directly for several reasons. Most notably, special elections generally have much lower turnout. A surprising result during a special race does not guarantee that the pattern will repeat during a general election, when more people are paying attention and plan to vote.

In Pennsylvania's 12th House District, with more than 95 percent of ballots counted as of Wednesday, only about 16,800 people voted. The district's 2024 general election saw more than double that turnout, with about 43,000 voters.

Factors unique to a district can also shift results. In recent years, the 12th House District has seen an influx of residents who have relocated from the Pittsburgh metro area, many in search of affordable housing.

Even so, Dukes probably had to sway Republican and independent voters to edge out his opponent in the district, which still slants to the right, said J.J. Abbott, a Democratic strategist in Pennsylvania.

"It is a good example of the kind of place in the midterms that, if Democrats can overperform expectations, that's where you're going to see districts — all the way from congressional down to the legislature — flip away from Republicans," Abbott said.

James Markley, a Pennsylvania GOP spokesperson, conceded that Democrats did a better job of turning out voters.

"This needs to be a wake-up call for Republican voters," he said.

Tuesday's winner in Pennsylvania will serve the remainder of the term of former state representative Stephenie Scialabba (R), who resigned in March.

Dukes, a construction loan administrator, and Timko, a retired Air Force pilot, are also competing in November for a full term.

Pennsylvania's history as a swing state

Even with the volatility of special elections, Pennsylvania Democrats are bullish on Dukes's slim lead over Timko. They're also hoping that the party can build on off-year wins to help make the state more attainable in 2028, when their own governor might be a presidential candidate.

On Tuesday night, as Dukes led by fewer than 100 votes, he got a show of support from Gov. Josh Shapiro (D).

"Pennsylvanians are rising up and using their power to combat the chaos, cruelty, and corruption — and we're not slowing down," he wrote on X before the result was finalized.

Shapiro, widely seen as a strong contender for a 2028 presidential bid, has aimed to use Pennsylvania's elections to show that he can push Democrats across the finish line in tough races. That skill could prove especially valuable in Pennsylvania, an essential battleground state in presidential elections.

Shapiro has sought out other Democrats in tough states and districts as he campaigns throughout the country this year, hoping to bolster his profile as a politician who can sway moderate and independent voters.

Board overseeing Dulles Airport approves $15.5 billion to fund Trump revamp

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funds.

In addition to the $15.5 billion, projects outlined in Wednesday's proposal will also be funded by $4.4 billion already authorized by the MWAA board, bringing the estimated total cost for the projects listed in the proposal to $19.9 billion.

At a White House briefing last month, Trump said the airport project would add more than 5 million square feet of new or renovated space, including by completely replacing Concourses C and D, "all while preserving the iconic original terminal."

He said the overhaul was needed because Dulles was in such bad shape. "Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, you don't want to go and be subjected to this airport because this airport is a terrible place to be," he said.

Opened in 1962 and designed by architect Eero Saarinen, Dulles is located in Northern Virginia about 25 miles from downtown Washington. It served more than 29 million passengers last year, a record, according to the airport authority.

In recent years, MWAA had already begun talking about an overhaul of the airport, including an expansion of its footprint and building a new runway and concourses. The airport's new Concourse E is slated to open in late September or early October.

Trump's plan is more extensive. The president spent months considering how he could make over the airport, hearing pitches in the Oval Office from rival construction and design firms and looking at mock-up designs. At the July White House briefing, he said he reviewed more than 30 proposals.

The design that was unveiled featured large glass windows and gold accents throughout the airport, such as high, gold-mirrored ceilings. Trump has also added golden adornments to the White House, especially in the Oval Office.

It's not unheard of for presidents to be involved in airport development, said Janet Bednarek, an airport historian and professor at the University of Dayton. In 1938, for instance, President Franklin D. Roosevelt selected the site for what is now called Reagan Washington National Airport.

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A mobile lounge operates at Dulles International Airport in Virginia in 2019.

But Trump's close, hands-on involvement in the Dulles renovations is atypical, Bednarek said. "That the president would be examining mock-ups, looking at plans at this granular level, is very unusual," she said.

White House spokesman Kush Desai said in a statement after the airport authority's vote that the renovation project will "ensure that the gateway to our nation's capital properly reflects American Greatness to inspire foreign visitors and American citizens alike."

The Dulles project also stands out for its cost, according to Bednarek. When LaGuardia Airport in New York was completely redeveloped, the major project, which concluded in 2025, cost $8 billion — less than half the estimated cost for the Dulles renovations.

"That's just a phenomenal amount of money," Bednarek said about the Dulles price tag.

The proposal approved Wednesday does not include plans for a new parking garage. An MWAA spokesperson said that element would be addressed in the future.

Construction on the project is expected to take place over more than a decade.

The $6.2 billion planned reconstruction of the main terminal is set to begin in late 2027, according to the project summary. Some concourse construction isn't expected to begin until 2039.

For better or worse, people movers have become a defining characteristic of Dulles.

Saarinen designed the airport without any concourses or gates, so the mobile lounges were created to move passengers between terminals and planes. In the beginning, they were considered cutting-edge. But over the years, the often cramped vehicles became a source of disdain for many Washingtonians.

In November, a people mover crashed into a concourse dock, sending at least 18 people to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, MWAA said at the time. Trent Morse, a former White House official whom Trump appointed to MWAA's board, told The Washington Post last year that the incident was another reason to get rid of shuttles he considered slow, old and dangerous.

Some passengers at Dulles were thrilled to learn last month that people movers would be going the way of the dodo. But their extinction won't be coming anytime soon.

Construction of tunnels to replace the people movers is expected to begin in early 2029, officials said, with the project expected to be completed in 2034.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman, seen last month.

L.A. officer who recorded colleagues' racist remarks won't face charges

BY HANNAH KNOWLES

A Los Angeles police officer accused of illegally recording colleagues making racist, sexist and homophobic comments will not face felony charges, prosecutors said Wednesday, backing off a controversial case that critics said would have a chilling effect on other whistleblowers.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman said his office would downgrade the charges against the officer, Daniel Flores, to misdemeanors, removing the possibility of a state prison sentence and paving the way for the case to be dismissed.

Hochman's announcement is a striking reversal in a case that captured national attention and drew backlash from other community leaders, including the Los Angeles mayor. For weeks, the prosecutor said Flores should face consequences for violating California's ban on illegal recordings of private conversations — even as he condemned the offensive comments Flores captured.

At a Wednesday news conference, Hochman said he decided to drop the felony charges after listening to concerns that the charges would send the wrong message.

"My father used to say you are born with two ears and one mouth, which means that you have to listen twice as much as you actually speak, and that's what we did," Hochman told reporters.

"We looked at it, and we said that the 16 felonies, again, have sent a message that potentially could deter legitimate whistleblowers," he said.

Flores alleged in a lawsuit that fellow officers referred to Black people as monkeys, said they "enjoy watermelon between basketball," suggested a Mexican baseball pitcher who died ate too many tacos, and made derogatory comments about women and queer people.

Hochman emphasized that the officers involved are facing disciplinary action in the police department and called the alleged remarks "completely unacceptable." But he said their speech is not a crime and defended his decision to bring a case against Flores this summer.

Less than two weeks ago, Hochman had redoubled his condemnations of Flores in a court brief and news release, questioning the officer's motives and saying he was trying to hit the "LAPD lottery" with lawsuit damages. He alleged that Flores "manipulated" conversations by initiating them and "then ceasing his own participation once the recording began."

But the felony charges drew a backlash, including Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass (D), who said the charges "send the wrong message that calling out egregious behavior could land you in prison."

Hochman said Wednesday that Flores's defense will have a chance to ask the judge for "judicial diversion," which would effectively put the case on hold for a year. If the defendant obeys the law while the case is on hold, Hochman added, the court could eventually dismiss the case.

"That is what we anticipate will end up happening," Hochman said.

An attorney for Flores did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Police departments had not done basic oversight for abuse of Flock cameras

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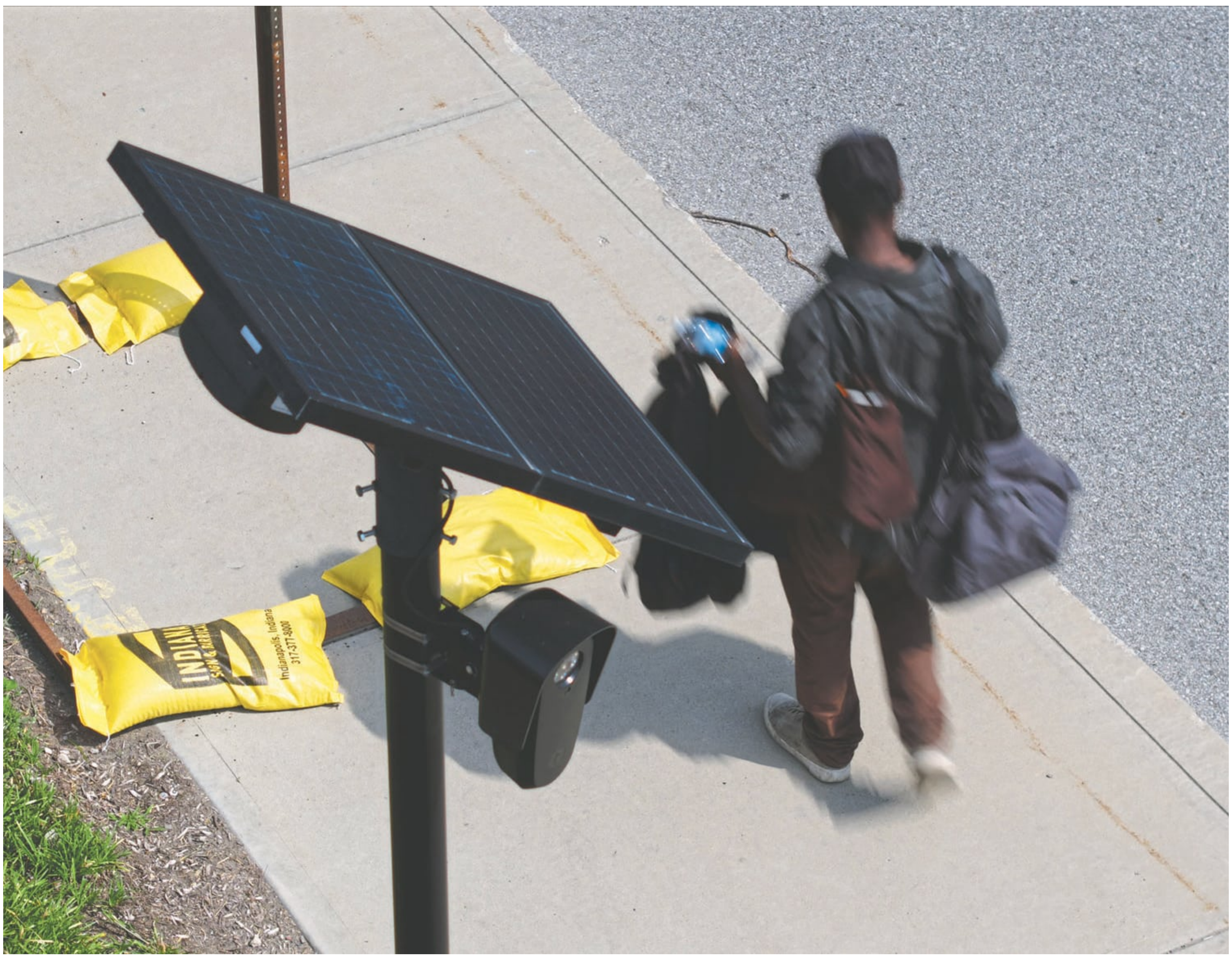
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A Flock camera in Indianapolis. An investigation by The Washington Post led to the discipline of two officers accused of misusing license-plate readers.

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Police Chief Tanya Terry of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department in February.

naming because he has not been charged with a crime, did not respond to requests for comment.

In an interview, Terry acknowledged that, until recently, the department had no regular practice of auditing officers' searches. The case, she added, has been "a learning process for us."

Law enforcement agencies around the country are vigorously defending their use of Flock against rising community concerns that officers are using the nationwide network of cameras to spy on ordinary citizens who are not suspected of any crime. Some critics, angered by the cameras' ubiquity, have even vandalized them.

But many of these same departments have embraced Flock's powerful surveillance system without establishing basic procedures for monitoring its use, a Post investigation has found, based on police and court records, interviews with more than a dozen police officials and Flock usage logs made available through public records requests.

At least 69 police officials have been accused, charged with or convicted of misusing Flock's system or other license-plate readers for unauthorized purposes, The Post has found, and in at least 15 of these cases, someone outside of the police department — including victims, activists and journalists — first identified the potential misuse.

To understand how departments might identify officers improperly using the system, The Post used publicly available information to find three officers whose search histories showed signs of potential misuse. All three of their departments, when contacted by The Post, said they did not regularly audit officers' use of the system.

Records and interviews show that departments across the country do not regularly audit their officers' Flock use, a practice recommended by the company, and some law enforcement agencies have no formal training programs or written policies describing how the technology should be used.

Last week in New Bedford, Massachusetts, a police officer testified that "there was never any training for" Flock in the department, according to a recording of a court hearing, where a judge extended a restraining order against an officer who told the court she used the tool to search for her ex-girlfriend's vehicle as part of an investigation. A spokeswoman for the department declined to comment.

In Haines City, Florida, authorities did not audit how police were using Flock during the nearly two-year period in which one officer repeatedly searched his wife's vehicle, a department spokeswoman said. The officer confessed to a superior and was arrested and charged earlier this month after The Post inquired about the searches.

And in Highland Heights, Ohio, the police department had no policy governing the use of Flock and had not conducted any audits of its officers' Flock usage until this week, when The Post asked officials about one officer who appeared to have searched the locations of five license plates more than 1,000 times each, the police chief said in an email.

Thirteen states require law enforcement agencies to audit how their officers use license-plate readers, for example, by periodically reviewing whether individual searches were done for legitimate investigations. Flock offers departments tools for simplifying these audits, including automatic scans for suspicious usage that the company plans to make default for all customers in the coming months.

Post journalists identified the possible misuse of license-plate readers by officers in Indianapolis, Haines City and Highland Heights, triggering investigations of all three and discipline measures against two of them, by analyzing data on Have I Been Flocked. The website publishes Flock search logs that have been provided in response to public records requests covering thousands of police departments.

The Post identified the most suspicious usage patterns among this data, including dozens of officers who appeared to have been the only officer to search a single license plate hundreds, or even thousands, of times. Then journalists attempted to find links between these license plates and the officers searching for them, using social media profiles, court records and other publicly available information.

The fact that journalists were able to find apparent misuse without the tools afforded departments highlights "a need for systematic auditing that just isn't happening now," said Max Isaacs, director of technology law and policy at the New York University School of Law's Policing Project. "I think at a lot of agencies, you just don't have anyone really looking."

Flock, an Atlanta-based startup backed by prominent tech investors, has acknowledged that officers are abusing its systems and says it is working to give agencies tools for catching them. The company maintains digital dashboards that create a permanent record every time an officer uses the tool to search for the location of a car, including the date, time and reason they performed the search.

These logs are intended to be used by departments to monitor officers' use, but there is no uniform policing standard for the best auditing practices. The company declined to comment on its customers' different approaches to oversight.

Eric Atstupenas, general counsel for the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, recommends that all agencies dedicate one person or team to be responsible for reviewing a portion of these logs on a regular basis.

"Somebody has to own it, and somebody has to actually read the logs," said Atstupenas, whose group provides training and support to nearly 400 law enforcement officials in the state.

Upon learning about The Post's reporting, the Indianapolis and Haines City police departments disciplined the officers, opened criminal investigations and pledged to issue new policies mandating audits of Flock usage. The officer in Highland Heights, who worked part time, had her access to Flock removed and will not be scheduled to work while the department conducts an investigation, Chief Dennis Matejcic said in an email.

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Law enforcement vehicles in Indianapolis.

"Public trust is the foundation of effective policing," the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said in a Facebook post announcing its disciplinary actions against the officer on Aug. 13, one week after The Post notified the agency of the officer's searches. "When conduct falls short of our standards, we will acknowledge it, correct it, and improve."

Walker Lasbury, founder of Eyes Off Indiana, a local advocacy group, said the fact that the department did not identify this misuse through its own oversight highlights the need for regulation of license-plate readers in the state, which has no laws around police use of the technology.

"The problem is, we don't have the safeguards in place to identify this kind of misuse, let alone prevent it," Lasbury said.

A spokesperson with the Indianapolis police said the department supports statewide standards for the appropriate use of license-plate readers.

Haines City police officer Christopher Goodson, 31, was arrested after The Post began making inquiries into his Flock usage, according to a police affidavit. Goodson said he searched for his wife's plate several times to keep track of their kids, the affidavit said.

When investigators checked Goodson's Flock usage, they found he had searched the license plate repeatedly over the course of nearly two years. Though neither his wife nor her vehicle were ever involved in a criminal investigation during this period, the affidavit said, Goodson had entered various terms into the Flock software suggesting the searches were related to cases involving drugs, assault, theft or a wanted fugitive.

On Aug. 11, one day after The Post made inquiries about Goodson's use, he was charged with two felonies in connection with abusing access to official computers and falsifying official records. He did not respond to requests for comment.

Brooke Hart, a spokeswoman for Haines City police, said in an interview that the department did not conduct any audits of the Flock system before this but is reviewing its policies now. "This incident has definitely been an eye opener for us," she said.

Cris van Pelt, an Iowa-based systems engineer and software developer, founded Have I Been Flocked out of his own desire to see how more police were using Flock. In an interview, van Pelt said the usage patterns on the site suggest that a large number of officers may be improperly using these tools without being detected.

Last year, when Michael Williams, a community organizer in Joplin, Missouri, checked Have I Been Flocked to see how police in his hometown were using Flock, he discovered that one officer had searched two license plates more than 900 times over a 13-month period.

"We saw his account searching this one plate like crazy," Williams, who runs the activist group DeFlock Joplin, said in an interview. Compared with the other search logs on the site, he said, this looked "like a super obsessive pattern."

After Williams requested public records about these searches from the Joplin Police Department, the agency investigated the officer and found he violated department policies around police equipment and systems, officials said in a January press release. The officer no longer works at the department, the release said.

Joplin began requiring monthly audits of its officers' Flock usage, the release said. The officer, who was never charged with a crime, did not respond to requests for comment.

Last week, Flock said it planned to update its software to automatically review all "abnormal activity," a previously voluntary feature that the company said was used by about a third of the 7,000 law enforcement agencies that use Flock nationwide.

After turning on that tool, called Audit Assistance, police in Savannah, Georgia, said they discovered misuse of Flock by four officers and two civilian employees, the city said in a press release. All six employees were terminated, and the department plans to conduct weekly audits of its Flock usage. A department spokesperson did not respond to requests for comment.

The automated feature may be especially helpful to departments with fewer than 10 officers, which account for roughly half of the law enforcement agencies in the country, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. These departments have fewer resources to help them learn new technologies and fewer people to help oversee their use.

Chief Michael Goins, who runs a five-person department in Prairie Grove, Illinois, said he was still learning about Flock's administrative tools last year when one officer used Flock to run hundreds of searches of four people he was personally connected to, he said. The officer was terminated from the department and charged with official misconduct, a case that is ongoing, court documents show.

After that incident, Goins said he began auditing the tool, checking how his employees are using it.

"Police officers are human just like other people and susceptible to temptation," Goins said.

Nominee for top ICE role helped lead one of nation's harshest crackdowns

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to rely on local agencies to carry out the kind of work Schroyer was involved in. "That's why I feel like Lance is such a perfect fit."

The Senate has not confirmed an ICE director in over a decade. And there are mounting signs Schroyer would face resistance clearing that hurdle.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), who chairs the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, has yet to schedule Schroyer's nomination hearing and would not comment on whether Schroyer has his support. Schroyer is close to Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin, who has hit a rough patch with Trump and members of his base, many of whom accuse him of not being tough enough in advancing the deportation campaign. Democrats, immigration advocates and many members of the public, in contrast, say ICE has been unnecessarily aggressive, targeting many law-abiding immigrants who have lived in the United States for years.

A White House official disputed any suggestion that Schroyer's nomination might be in jeopardy.

"Lance Schroyer remains President Trump's nominee to lead ICE," the official said in an email. "Congressional scheduling should not be interpreted as any personnel announcements."

Schroyer declined to be interviewed for this story and has made no public comments on his nomination. He has kept a low profile throughout his career. His work leading the Oklahoma Highway Patrol's push to arrest undocumented immigrants, which has been quieter than crackdowns in Minnesota, Maine and elsewhere, offers one of the few lenses onto how he might approach the job of ICE director. Now a senior adviser to Mullin, he is helping ICE partner with local agencies nationwide.

Most of the Highway Patrol's immigration arrests appear to be happening through traffic stops that target both commercial truck drivers and people who — like Roque Olivares — were on their way to work. Advocates who work with Latino immigrants say the stops have contributed to a culture of fear, so much so, that some are considering giving up any pending asylum claim and self-deporting.

ICE had 135 active agreements with local police departments across 16 states when President Joe Biden left office in January of last year. These 287(g) agreements, named after the section of immigration law that established the partnership program, empower police officers to find and arrest people who are not in the country legally. Now there are more than 2,300 agencies signed up — including nearly 100 in Oklahoma.

The Department of Public Safety was one of the first law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma to join the initiative after Trump returned to office. The agency agreed to participate in the "task force model." Other types of 287(g) accords limit arrests to people already in jail or with warrants. The agreement the Department of Public Safety signed allows troopers to arrest unauthorized immigrants on the streets.

About 100,000 unauthorized immigrants live in Oklahoma, according to the Pew Research Center. As of March, ICE had recorded more than 3,000 arrests in communities across the state since the start of the second Trump administration, according to a Washington Post analysis. That is the equivalent of about three of every 100 undocumented immigrants, and it makes Oklahoma a national leader in terms of per capita immigration arrests. It's unclear how many of those arrests were initiated by a 287(g) partner agency.

DHS has awarded Oklahoma $47 million for its participation in 287(g), according to an ICE financial ledger obtained by independent journalist Ken Klippenstein and published in March. It was the second-highest amount for any state, after Florida. Of that sum, Oklahoma's Department of Public Safety received nearly $5.4 million to deputize 704 officers and $38 million in additional funding that had no allocation.

Opponents of 287(g) agreements say tapping local police to enforce civil immigration laws disincentivizes undocumented people, their families and neighbors from reporting crime. Some research has found traffic stops of Hispanic drivers increase after such agreements are signed and can result in racial profiling. But after Trump's reelection, Republican state leaders began urging, and in some places legally obligating, departments to participate.

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Lance Schroyer, seen in 2003, is a senior adviser at the Department of Homeland Security and the president's nominee to lead U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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Protesters in Oklahoma City on July 1 at the headquarters of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, of which Schroyer is a former major. Schroyer helped spearhead the Highway Patrol's effort to train all of its 700-plus troopers to enforce immigration laws and work with ICE.

Less than 10 days after Trump was elected in November 2024, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt (R) told Tipton to develop a plan to arrest "criminal illegal aliens." The state began implementing Operation Guardian in February and pledged to start by transferring undocumented immigrants already in police custody to ICE.

"We knew we were going to take a proactive approach to immigration enforcement in Oklahoma with the new administration coming in," Tipton said. "Lance took a critical leadership role in both the operational side of how that works and our daily operations with ICE."

Oklahoma's highways neatly cut the state into six pieces: I-40 cuts it in half horizontally, I-35 cuts it in half vertically, and I-44 runs diagonally from southeast to northwest. All three of the major highways intersect in Oklahoma City, which has the highest concentration of Latinos in the state.

Travis Handler, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma, said the importance of highways in the state means the Highway Patrol has an outsize role in enforcing immigration law.

"They cover the entire state," he said. "Oklahoma is really rural, and you can't go anywhere without using the highways."

In November, Tipton announced that every trooper in the state had been deputized to make immigrant arrests under its 287(g) agreement. No other state had trained all of its state troopers, he said. The commissioner said it was possible because ICE permitted troopers to get credentialed virtually.

Traditionally officers have had to attend a four-week-long Homeland Security training at a base in Glynco, Georgia, to become deputized for immigration enforcement. But the Trump administration crafted a new online program to speed up the trainings, and that's how Oklahoma's state police were trained en masse, the commissioner said.

In a statement, DHS said training is "continuous" and that the 40-hour course is "just one tool" in preparing local and state officers for the job. Critics question whether a shortened virtual course is sufficient for an officer with no previous experience enforcing immigration law.

"You have to make complex determinations of law, and you also have to interact with people in a way that could lead to tense situations," said Naureen Shah, the ACLU's director of immigration policy.

Last September, Oklahoma state troopers arrested 120 immigrants who they alleged lacked legal status, 91 of whom were operating a commercial vehicle. Officials touted the arrests as a boost for public safety, noting that some of the drivers had criminal records, though others did not and multiple studies show no correlation between immigration status and road safety.

Two months later, troopers arrested several dozen people in a second operation. In a statement about the arrests, then-ICE Deputy Director Madison Sheahan, said they illustrated the need for more state and local law enforcement agencies to sign 287(g) agreements.

Tara Jordan de Lara, executive director of the nonprofit Latitude Legal Alliance, said many commercial truck drivers who are unauthorized immigrants have applied for legal status to live in the United States and are eligible for a work permit while their cases are adjudicated. If the Oklahoma government doesn't think they should have been issued permits, she argued, it should be "going after the driving schools or the entities issuing these driver's licenses."

When Trump announced Schroyer as his pick to lead ICE, several advocates decried his lack of experience in leading a law enforcement agency. But others note that hasn't been a requirement for the job in the past, and it is a challenge to find someone willing to become the face of one of the federal government's most scrutinized agencies.

"Every single leader that comes in to lead any federal agency is doing on-the-job training because hardly anyone has led an entity as large as what they're about to lead walking into it," Sen. James Lankford (R-Oklahoma) said.

Schroyer was born in the small city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and returned there after four years as an infantryman in the Marine Corps to join the local police department. In 2000, he became a state trooper. He served in Mullin's security detail in the Senate.

"He was with him all the time," Claire Trickler-McNulty, an ICE official under the Biden administration, said of Schroyer's previous work with Mullin. "So they had camaraderie, and Mullin felt like he could trust him — I don't know if it's more complicated than that."

The impact of Oklahoma's immigration crackdown has been far-reaching for the state's unauthorized residents, many of whom, like Roque Olivares, work in construction and other blue-collar jobs.

"People don't want to go anywhere," said Melissa Medrano Henry, Roque Olivares's lawyer. "There's nobody who's not affected at this point. And not just distant connections — a loved one."

Days before Christmas last year, Roque Olivares called his wife and told her that he and his brother, Juan, had been pulled over on their way to a roofing job. The officers asked the men for their IDs, and 10 minutes later a blue car appeared and two ICE officers emerged.

"We saw it in the rearview mirror and we said, why run? They will think I'm a criminal," Juan Roque Olivares recalled in an interview from Mexico, where he agreed to be deported after his arrest.

Daniel Roque Olivares, 30, decided to try to stay. He crossed the border undetected in 2014, when he was in his late teens. Since then, he married a U.S. citizen, built a career in construction and started a family. He was issued a final deportation order in May and has now spent eight months in immigration detention.

His lawyer is appealing his removal and contends he qualifies for a special visa given to crime victims because his wife's eldest son was shot and killed last year. But his case is complicated by his own history. In 2018, he was charged with larceny after he said he was caught trying to steal a shirt. He paid a fine, and a judge warned him not to get in trouble again because it could put him at risk of removal. He said he has had a clean record ever since.

His wife said she is struggling to keep up with household expenses. The couple knew there was a risk he would get caught up in the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. But he felt he ultimately had no choice but to go out onto Oklahoma's roads.

"I had to work," he said.

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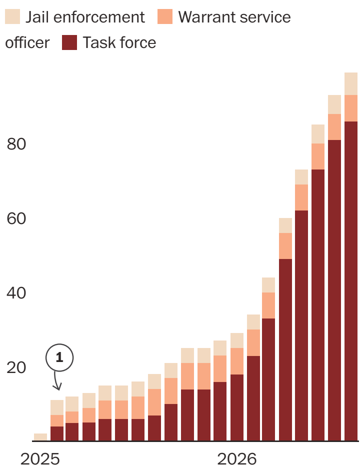
ICE has made nearly 100 agreements in Oklahoma

Oklahoma is one of six states with at least 80 task force agreements, which allow law enforcement officers to arrest unauthorized immigrants on the streets.



① The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, which oversees the highway patrol, signed its task force agreement.

Data as of Aug. 13

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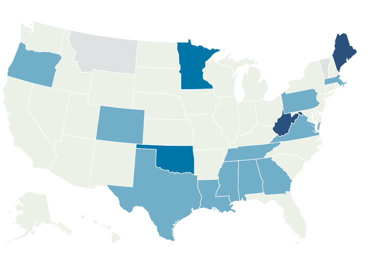
ICE at-large arrests per 100,000 undocumented people, by state

With about 100,000 people without legal status, Oklahoma is in the middle of the pack, yet ICE is a making a disproportionate number of at-large arrests.



Montana and Vermont have less than 5,000 undocumented people; ICE arrests as of March 2026.

Source: Pew Research Center; Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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Heidi Overton is deputy director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. She previously worked at the America First Policy Institute, a conservative think tank.

President Donald Trump announced Wednesday he will nominate Heidi Overton, a top aide at the White House's Domestic Policy Council, to serve as the next commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

If confirmed, Overton would succeed Marty Makary in a position that is one of the most powerful in U.S. health care, with the agency's sweeping mandate touching the daily lives of every American. The FDA oversees drugs, vaccines, tobacco products, the bulk of the food supply and more.

"Dr. Heidi has been a ROCKSTAR in my Administration, where she has worked directly with Secretary Kennedy, Dr. Oz, and team, to deliver on the MOST TRANSFORMATIVE Health Agenda in History," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "She is known to take on the HARDEST issues, and bring me solutions that work best for the Country."

The administration struggled to fill the open role, with some outside candidates turning it down amid fears of political interference over FDA decisions. The selection process also has lasted weeks longer than expected, with Trump opting for a familiar face already in his administration.

A physician who is board-certified in public health and general preventive medicine, Overton previously worked at the America First Policy Institute, a conservative think tank. She has appeared with Trump to announce a slew of White House policies but has maintained a low public profile compared with some of Trump's past FDA commissioners, such as Makary and Scott Gottlieb, who have been prolific commentators in the media.

Overton will need to be confirmed by the Senate, which has moved slowly on confirming some nominees to key health posts. She may face a difficult path in the Senate, where Republicans hold a narrow, three-vote edge. Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana), who chairs the Senate health panel that would consider Overton's nomination, said he has "strong concerns" about her nomination hours after Trump made the announcement, pointing to her role in announcing last week's executive order seeking a reduction in the childhood vaccine schedule and other changes denounced by the medical establishment.

"Dr. Overton's active role in last week's nonsensical vaccine executive order calls into question her commitment to standing up for sound science and protecting children's health," Cassidy wrote on social media. "That alone is almost disqualifying."

Bloomberg News first reported Tuesday on Overton's expected selection.

Makary resigned in May after months of turmoil at the agency incurred the frustration of White House officials. Makary's allies have characterized his departure as a matter of principle, saying he was unhappy about efforts to allow the sale of fruit-flavored vapes.

Overton is expected to face scrutiny from Democrats and public health experts — who have said that the FDA needs a strong leader to rebuff political pressure — as well as some supporters of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s MAHA movement who have been upset about some White House actions, including moves to boost use of the herbicide glyphosate.

"The nail in the coffin for MAHA," Alex Clark, a prominent conservative wellness influencer and podcaster aligned with the Make America Healthy Again movement, wrote in a text message. "Might as well have chosen Ronald McDonald" for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Overton has been involved in many health announcements throughout Trump's term, but some FDA watchers have noted that she doesn't have experience running a massive organization with thousands of employees, which could concern the drug industry that relies on a predictable agency to understand what it needs to do to win approvals.

Overton's allies say she would bring strengths to the FDA role, such as her knowledge of how to navigate the administration and her personal relationship with Trump, said two people familiar with her planned selection, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment.

They have touted her work ethic, willingness to read the medical literature and ability to change her mind in light of new evidence, such as shifting her position on the administration's approach to psychedelic policy. After some initial resistance, Overton joined Trump and Kennedy at an announcement to expand access to psychedelics earlier this year.

Her nomination is likely to draw concerns from some major medical groups. She stood next to Trump last week when he announced his most significant attempt to reshape how American children are vaccinated, such as cutting the number of recommended immunizations, spacing out shots and pushing to split the combined measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine into three separate injections. Some prominent medical associations have denounced the executive order as leaving children vulnerable to preventing diseases and putting their health at risk.

"It is a historic day and a historic action," she said, referring to the executive order, in the Oval Office last week.

Cassidy, who has battled with Trump since the president endorsed a rival candidate in Cassidy's primary and helped ensure his political defeat, has criticized the Trump administration's actions on vaccines, calling the recent executive order "so wrong."

Some Republicans in Congress, including Cassidy, have pushed for the agency to review the safety of mifepristone, a commonly used abortion pill, as well as reinstate prior restrictions, such as requiring obtaining the drug in person. Overton has been critical of the pills.

Her stance on abortion is garnering concerns from Democrats, with Sen. Patty Murray (D-Washington), a member of the Senate health panel, citing the issue as a reason she plans to oppose Overton's nomination. Medical providers have said there is "robust evidence" gathered over more than two decades showing the pill is safe and effective.

Since Makary's departure, Kyle Diamantas — who had overseen the agency's food program and was elevated this year to be one of Kennedy's senior counselors — is serving as the acting FDA chief. His tenure has earned praise from career staffers and some of the industries that the agency regulates.

President revives long-standing false claims of noncitizen voting in 2020

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President Donald Trump greets journalist John Solomon at the White House last month, when the president gave a prime-time speech on election security. On Tuesday, Trump claimed that 24,000 illegal votes in the 2020 election had been uncovered.

President Donald Trump on Tuesday re-upped his long-standing false claims of a rigged 2020 election, seizing on what he described as 24,000 illegal votes uncovered in a review of voter and citizenship records to again assert that he won the election.

In the post on his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump claimed that the U.S. Census Bureau has begun checking voter records against citizenship records, and that of the first 128 million voters, "the Census Bureau proves that over 24,000 Noncitizens voted illegally!" He added that when the bureau examined the next tranche of 32 million votes, the number of fraudulent votes would "explode."

Even taking Trump's figure of 24,000 illegal votes at face value — a purported illegal voting share of less than two-hundredths of a percent — it would not establish that he won the 2020 election. Joe Biden won by more than 7 million votes.

To successfully dispute the result, Trump would need to show not simply that illegal votes were cast somewhere in the country, but that enough of the invalid ballots were cast for Biden in the specific states needed to change the electoral college outcome.

Later Tuesday, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, whose department oversees the Census Bureau, posted excerpts from the study, including details of its methodology. The Census Bureau said the analysis drew on government and commercial records, including data from the IRS, immigration agencies and the Social Security Administration, along with state voter records compiled by the firm DataClear.

But the figures released Tuesday fell far short of establishing Trump's claim that he won the 2020 election.

The narrowest margins for Biden in the 2020 election included 10,457 votes in Arizona, 11,779 in Georgia and 20,682 in Wisconsin. The data from the Census pointed to much smaller pools of noncitizen voters in those states — 1,100 in Arizona, 400 in Georgia and 500 in Wisconsin. There's also no indication which candidate those voters supported.

Nonetheless, Trump treated the review as a vindication. "I WON THE ELECTION!" he wrote on Truth Social.

The Census Bureau and the White House did not immediately respond to questions Tuesday. The document released by Lutnick indicated that the review searched administrative records for instances of voters who lacked U.S. birth certificates, passports or other proof of citizenship and had been issued a green card or other documentation indicating they were a noncitizen. Federal databases can include inaccurate and outdated information about some people's citizenship status.

The post — like Trump's long-standing false claims that the 2020 election was rigged — has served to rally his political base and bolster his push for the Save America Act, legislation that, among other provisions, would require voters to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote. Critics warn the bill, which is stalled in the Senate, could disenfranchise large numbers of eligible voters.

The post also continued Trump's long-standing fixation on noncitizen voting and false claims that noncitizens routinely vote in large numbers.

Noncitizens are barred from voting in federal elections, and they rarely do so, according to independent reviews and court findings. Georgia in 2024 found 20 noncitizens on its voter rolls — which amounts to about 0.002 percent of its registered voters. After an exhaustive review, a federal judge in 2018 determined that, at most, 39 noncitizens were placed on the voter rolls in Kansas over 19 years — in many cases because of administrative errors.

Around the country, a handful of noncitizens are charged with illegally voting from time to time. Most recently, Michigan's Democratic attorney general announced charges against five noncitizens. But the Justice Department under Trump has struggled to find cases to prosecute.

Wider-scale examples of noncitizen voting sometimes emerge, as they did recently in New Jersey. State officials disclosed they had inadvertently registered several thousand noncitizens to vote because of a software error. About 400 of those noncitizens went on to cast ballots, they said.

In a speech from the White House last month, Trump alleged that a review by the Department of Homeland Security found that more than 250,000 noncitizens were on the voter rolls in four states. State officials called the figure preposterous, and DHS has not provided the states — California, Nevada, New Jersey and Pennsylvania — with more details.

It is unclear how the department conducted its review of voter rolls, because those states — like many others — have declined to give the federal government access to the full version of their voter lists that include driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers. Not having the full list greatly increases the chance of data mismatches.

The Justice Department has sued 30 states and the District of Columbia to try to get their voter rolls, but the cases have gone badly for the department. So far, it has lost 23 cases and not had any wins.

THE WORLD

UAE says it is suspending trade with Iran after missile launch

Decision also follows a call between Trump, Emirati president

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The United Arab Emirates said it would suspend all trade and financial transactions with Iran, in a move that stands to add fresh economic pressure on Tehran as Washington seeks a path to end its war.

The announcement of a cut in economic ties came shortly after the UAE Defense Ministry said Tuesday that Iran had fired two ballistic missiles toward the Gulf state.

The trade decision also followed a call between President Donald Trump and Emirati President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan earlier on Tuesday.

The UAE's Foreign Ministry said late Tuesday that the move was "in light of regional escalations that undermine regional and international peace and security."

The statement added that the UAE is "firmly committed to safeguarding the integrity of the international financial system." It did not specify when the suspension would take place.

The UAE, one of Iran's biggest trading partners, said at the start of the war that it was halting trade, but in recent weeks, news stories have focused on the resumption of business ties with Tehran.

Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, an Emirati analyst and political science professor based in Dubai, said that "everybody thought there was an understanding – even if not necessarily announced – between the UAE and Iran that as long as Iran did not engage militarily, there would be an opening of business ties."

But he said that changed because of the apparent missile targeting by Iran.

"This was a surprise, because we thought they knew the limits," he said. "It showed again that we cannot trust Iran."

Whether Iran meant to target the UAE with the missiles on Tuesday – which Iran has denied – or Emirati ships close to its shores, the strikes "sent a message that we are back to wartime," he said.

The subsequent decision to cut all trade relations, he said, was a sign by the UAE that "enough is enough."

"If you don't stick to where you were, then we are going back to where things were, with zero transactions," he said.

Marc Sievers, a former U.S. ambassador to Oman who is based in Abu Dhabi, said the UAE announcement was probably coordinated with the United States, noting the timing of Trump's call to the president and a call between Secretary of State Marco Rubio and UAE national security adviser Tahnoon bin Zayed al-Nahyan, which also took place on Tuesday.

Having the UAE on board when it comes to the U.S. strategy of economic attrition makes sense, he said, noting how much of the IRGC's money is reportedly tied to Dubai.

The United States has sought to further pressure Iran economically as the two nations are locked in a standoff over the Strait of Hormuz, the crucial waterway for global oil supplies, and as talks to end the war have faltered.

In addition to an ongoing U.S. naval blockade, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent last week threatened that the U.S. would soon "apply measures like have never been seen in the history of the economic isolation on a country."

The UAE, a close U.S. ally located across the Persian Gulf from Iran, had maintained ties with Tehran despite years of rising tensions. Dubai long served as a major trading hub for Iran and a commercial gateway for Iranian businesses.

In 2024, the UAE was Iran's largest source of imports, with some $21 billion in goods accounting for about 30 percent of total imports, according to the World Trade Organization.

Iran on Wednesday denied launching a missile attack at the UAE. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said the "unfounded" allegations "undermine ongoing efforts to strengthen trust among regional countries."

The UAE Defense Ministry said the two missiles it detected originated from Iran and were targeting maritime traffic. It said one fell into UAE territorial waters, while the other dropped into the sea outside them.

The UAE became a key target of Iranian retaliation after the U.S. and Israel launched the war in late February. Iran has sent swarms of drones and missiles at regional states that host U.S. bases, including the UAE, which reported more than 2,600 attacks.

During the war, the UAE has adopted a more hawkish stance on Iran than some of its Gulf neighbors.

The attacks, and tensions between the two countries, appeared to ease since Washington and Tehran signed a tentative ceasefire agreement in June. That memorandum of understanding has now expired without a longer-term peace deal.

In recent days, however, the UAE has accused Iran of hitting its oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz.

Mohammed Baharoon, director general of B'huth, a Dubai research center, said there is "an understanding that there are different power centers in Iran, and that they are behaving differently. "

At this point, it seems like there is a faction in Iran that insists that the only way things will be achieved is by force," he said, adding that the UAE's announcement on Tuesday "sends a very strong message to Iran"

In recent months, he said, the UAE had been emphasizing the importance of "geo-connectivity," allowing some level of trade and business ties with Iran even as it made clear its political differences. But the Iranian missiles changed that calculation.

"The world economy is like a highway," he said. "But if you want to use the highway, then you have to observe the rules of the road."

Emirati businessman Omar Al Busaidy, founder of the consulting firm Global Possibilities, said news about the Iranian strikes prompted concern for many in the UAE, where there had been months without sirens sounding, and children are currently preparing to head back to school.

Adding to the concern, he said, were announcements in local media reported on Tuesday that two concerts in the UAE – one scheduled for September featuring Christina Aguilera and the other in November featuring Shakira – were canceled.

"It feels like we are back to square one," he said. "I fear this could be round two of the whole situation."

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UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, right, with Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, in Abu Dhabi this week.

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A plume of smoke rises from the Zayed Port in Abu Dhabi on March 1, following a reported Iranian strike. The UAE Defense Ministry said Tuesday that Iran had fired two ballistic missiles toward the Gulf state, prompting Wednesday's announcement of a cut in economic ties.

DIGEST

ISRAEL

Criminal inquiries into troop conduct in Gaza

Israel's military on Wednesday announced its first criminal investigations into troop conduct in Gaza, focusing on the killings of 5-year-old Hind Rajab and her family and of 15 Palestinian paramedics.

The military said it would not look into three other attacks that killed aid workers from World Central Kitchen and Doctors Without Borders. It said it had completed reviews of 150 incidents of troop conduct in Gaza and made decisions on the five cases.

The investigations involve killings that drew a heavy international outcry. Hind was trapped in a vehicle with her slain relatives, pleading for help by phone before she too was killed in February 2024. After the shooting of the 15 medics in March 2025, troops then bulldozed their bodies into a mass grave.

Israel denies accusations of genocide and war crimes and says it is targeting Hamas after its October 2023 attack on southern Israel. It blames civilian deaths on Hamas because the militant group operates in populated areas in the tiny, overcrowded strip.

Israeli officials contend its justice system can address any violations by its troops, but rights groups say soldiers are almost never held accountable.

Wednesday's statement did not mention many other high-profile killings that Israel has pledged to investigate, such as its strikes on a hospital in southern Gaza that killed five journalists in August 2025, including Mariam Dagga, a visual journalist who freelanced for the Associated Press and other news organizations.

The military in Wednesday's statement admitted to firing at the car carrying the 5-year-old, four of her cousins and her aunt and uncle as they fled an Israeli invasion of Gaza City.

— Associated Press

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Death toll rises in mine collapse

The death toll from a gold mine collapse in a western part of Central African Republic has risen to more than 100, a Red Cross volunteer involved in relief efforts and a local official said Wednesday.

The low-tech, artisanal gold mine collapsed Tuesday morning in the village of Zamboye, in the Nana-Mambere prefecture, near the border with Cameroon.

In addition to the dead, several survivors were critically injured, said Gervais Ganagoroh, a local Red Cross volunteer involved in relief efforts.

The death toll is likely to rise since several people were still missing and others were trapped under the rubble, said Bertrand Be Yangué, a member of the Zamboye youth council.

An investigation has been opened to determine the cause of the collapse, identify the victims and those responsible for operating the site, and establish any potential criminal liability, the prosecutor at the Baboua sub-prefecture court said in a statement.

— Associated Press

HAITI

Security ramps up ahead of elections

Albert Ramdin, secretary general of the Organization of American States, said Wednesday during a trip to Haiti that the country needs help fighting gangs and seizing back territory as it prepares to hold general elections for the first time in more than a decade.

Ramdin spoke as he concluded a trip to the country, where he met with the prime minister and other officials.

He said the new U.N.-backed gang suppression force needs more personnel, equipment and funding. Ramdin said priorities are securing the main route to the main international airport; ensuring ongoing access to the airport and seaport; and restoring safe access to Haiti's southern region. Gangs currently control the main routes leading in and out of the capital.

He also called on Haiti to step up registration and identification of voters ahead of the Dec. 13 general elections. Haiti hasn't had a president since Jovenel Moïse was killed at his private residence in July 2021. Since then, gang violence has only surged.

— Associated Press

Four people have died from West Nile fever out of 38 testing positive for the disease so far this year in North Macedonia, with three of them dying in the past week, the health ministry said Wednesday. The detection comes as the WHO has warned that warmer temperatures are giving mosquitoes more time and territory to spread the virus across Europe. The ministry's report said that 28 males and 10 females had been infected, and 33 of them were above the age of 60. Twelve of the cases were detected last week. All of the cases, most of which occurred in the region around the capital Skopje, were hospitalized, according to the report.

— From news services

Woman admits posing as child, lawyers say, in case that has transfixed Brazil

BRAZIL FROM **A1**

COURTESY OF ANDREIA RAMOS

Amanda Maria Souza de Oliveira is shown at a hospital in Curitiba, Brazil. She acknowledges posing as a child for more than 15 years.

COURTESY OF RODRIGO GUSSO

Oliveira at the police station in Joinville, in the southern state of Santa Catarina, after her arrest in June.

Lúcio Sousa, said the defense has "all the evidence" showing that Oliveira caused no financial loss to her alleged victims in Santa Catarina.

"She admits that she invented an identity," Sousa said. "It was the way she found to survive. But she has been a vulnerable person for more than 20 years. She has lived on the streets, and there has been no allegation that she obtained any financial advantage, or committed robbery or theft, which, in theory, means the elements of fraud have not been established."

Oliveira's case has transfixed Brazil, where it has been covered by national newspapers, featured on prime-time news and debated on call-in shows and social media. On Instagram alone, her story has generated 194 million views.

"This is a huge number, on par with the biggest political news stories in Brazil," said Pablo Ortellado, a professor of public policy and management at the University of São Paulo, who developed the count.

Ortellado, whose research interests include social media activity and its effects on politics, policy and society, said the story drew so much attention "because it's so unusual."

"She is a woman who did not look 25, let alone 12, yet managed to deceive a family," he said. "That unusual and implausible nature sparks immense interest and curiosity."

Police in Santa Catarina say Oliveira told her hosts, a middle-aged couple, that she was a preteen runaway fleeing abuse. Eager to help, police say, they gave her a room, fed her, and bought her clothes and toys.

The couple, who have not been publicly identified, declined a request to be interviewed.

Oliveira told investigators she "wasn't trying to scam anyone," according to court filings.

"Of course I deceived people, I lied," she said, according to police. "But I didn't intend to scam anyone." Instead, she said, she wanted to experience the attention, affection and protection she never received growing up. "There was a certain void in me, a need to have that kind of care," she said, according to police. "so I always sought it out."

Gusso arrested Oliveira in June. "What struck me the most was her ability to deceive so many people for so long," he said in an interview with The Washington Post. "Her strategy was to target small shelters, churches and religious groups, where people's instinct to help is the very thing she exploited."

Impersonation scams for financial gain are common. The accusations against Oliveira stand out because her alleged goals were simply room, board and attention.

In November 2020, Oliveira appeared at a shelter for children as Julia, a 12-year-old fleeing an abusive father who dabbled in the occult and forced her into prostitution, shelter staff members say. She explained that she looked like an adult, shelter staff say, because her father had forced her to take hormones.

"The story was remarkably elaborate," Andreia Ramos, the shelter's director, said in an interview. "She had no documents or identification, but the horrors she described were so convincing that we believed her."

A pediatric examination a week later confirmed that Oliveira was an adult, Ramos said. Oliveira abandoned the persona, the director said, and left the clinic. "And I never saw her again."

Psychologists say victims of fraud may overlook inconsistencies in a false story because believing can reinforce a desired image of themselves as caring and compassionate.

In March 2021, Oliveira resurfaced in an online prayer group as Emily, a 12-year-old with leukemia, according to group members. They say she told them she had lost her mother in a car crash, had been sexually assaulted in the hospital and had an arm amputated. She wore a mask during video calls and refused visits in person.

Tatiane da Silva Lima, a teacher then grieving the death of her pregnant sister-in-law from the coronavirus, says she organized prayer vigils for the girl, registered as a bone marrow donor and sent her money. When Emily announced she had beaten cancer, Lima had her name tattooed on her wrist.

Eventually a group member noticed her supposedly amputated arm was intact. Lima called the hospital. There was no Emily.

Lima said she "truly loved" the girl. "She manipulated us into becoming both characters and spectators in her stories," she told The Post. "I devoted myself to her for 10 months, in which she became the cancer in my own life, because I put everything else aside to care for her."

Lima and other group members filed a report with police in Paraná, according to their attorney, Caroline Rangel, but it was not investigated. After Oliveira's arrest in Joinville, police revisited the complaint, leading to the indictment there.

In mid-2023, a girl named Maria Eduarda, or Duda, contacted the Hands that Bless with Love Institute, an organization in Rio de Janeiro state that works with vulnerable children. She said she had autism and was escaping abuse, said the institute's president, Viviane Henriques. Henriques called a friend, who rented a small house for her in Nova Iguaçu and made her part of the family.

"She wore a hooded sweatshirt at all times, spoke in a childlike voice and never looked at me directly," Henriques said. "But I got intrigued when I mentioned contacting child protection authorities and she panicked, saying her father would find her and begged me not to."

Doubts began to grow. Names in her stories could not be found online, Henriques says. She contacted the police. Investigators found Duda was an adult. Her phone contained searches for "how does an autistic person behave" and "how to draw as if you were a victim of abuse," local police chief Mônica Areal told The Post.

Henriques says she grabbed Oliveira's arm. "Who are you?" she asked. "Why did you do this to us?" Oliveira was charged with fraud and identity theft, Areal said, but was released after a hearing as a first-time offender.

Oliveira's lawyers in Santa Catarina asked the court for a mental health evaluation. The evaluators found signs of possible psychological disorders but concluded that Oliveira understood her actions.

The defense team then commissioned an independent evaluation that diagnosed borderline personality disorder, dependent personality disorder and depression. Judge Rogério Manke declined to consider it and allowed the case to proceed.

At the Joinville police station, investigators say, Oliveira gave her real name and date of birth — she would turn 38 in a week — and said she was adopted as an infant by a security guard and a nurse in Ceará, one of Brazil's most impoverished states. Her statement was "extremely coherent," Gusso said. During questioning, investigators said, she said lying had become her way of life.

In 2010, when Oliveira was 22, she told authorities that she was 12 and accused her adoptive father of sexual abuse, according to records kept by the Federal District's Program for the Protection of Children and Adolescents at Risk of Death. At the time, her family and witnesses denied the allegations.

After her arrest in Joinville, police say, she told investigators she had suffered emotional neglect as a child. She dropped out of school at 12, she said, left home at 18 and had no contact with her parents since. She told investigators she felt she never had a childhood.

"She seeks attention," Sarita de Paiva, another of her lawyers, told The Post. "She told me that if she said she was a woman, people would not take care of her."

Police say Oliveira asked the Joinville couple not to enroll her in school or begin a formal adoption process. Her abusive father, she said, might find her.

A relative of the couple grew suspicious, police say. She searched online for adults pretending to be children, found Oliveira's arrest in Rio, and sent a photo to the couple. The man went to police. Investigators compared the details of the Joinville and Rio cases and arrested Oliveira.

Oliveira arrived at the station in silence. June 2 in Santa Catarina was a chilly late autumn day. She wore only the heart-print shorts and a T-shirt.

The woman who had hoped to adopt her asked if she could get her a sweatshirt, saying: "She might be cold."

Defense minister dismissed by Zelensky demands elections in Ukraine

UKRAINE FROM **A1**

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ALINA SMUTKO/REUTERS

Protesters in Kyiv on Sunday call for reform in the defense sector and the reinstatement of Defense Minister Mykhailo Fedorov, seen at right in July.

parliamentary elections is impossible while Ukraine battles Russia — a point widely supported by international election experts.

Hundreds of thousands of troops are deployed, and millions of civilians are displaced, with many living outside of Ukraine.

But in a video address on social media late Tuesday, Fedorov insisted that the country "must find a legal, safe and realistic mechanism that will allow Ukraine to restore a full democratic process even amid a prolonged war."

"Democracy cannot be held hostage by Russia. We are fighting precisely because we want to remain a free European state," Fedorov said. "Democracy is not a peacetime luxury. Democracy is part of what we are fighting for today."

In his remarks, Fedorov criticized how the Ukrainian government functions and spoke at length about what he said was the chronic and debilitating problem of military corruption. However, he did not name Zelensky directly.

"People cannot endlessly live in a state where they do not understand why certain decisions are made, why some reforms move forward while others are blocked," he said.

At the same time, Fedorov said, "corruption in wartime is not merely a financial issue. It is a matter of our capability to survive and win."

Russia's advance in Ukraine has largely stalled, and Kyiv has had growing success in recent months carrying out long-range drone strikes in Russia.

Zelensky's firing of Fedorov last month as part of a broader government shake-up set off protests and raised consternation among international supporters, who questioned why he seemed to be dismantling a winning team.

Fedorov had received nationwide acclaim for his work pioneering Ukraine's drone program while serving as the country's minister of digital transformation. He became defense minister in January.

Confronted with protests after the dismissal, Zelensky offered Fedorov other positions in the government, but Fedorov insisted he would only return to his former post as defense minister — a stance that is supported by a small collection of demonstrators who gather every evening near the presidential office.

On Wednesday, the Ukrainian parliament approved Yevhen Khmara as the next defense minister, effectively closing that avenue to Fedorov.

Also on Wednesday, Zelensky dismissed a deputy head of his presidential office, Iryna Mudra, without giving a reason.

However, Ukrainian anti-corruption bodies said on Wednesday that they had uncovered a "criminal group," suspected of laundering more than $3 million that included a "high-ranking official in the presidential office." Ukrainian media have identified the official as Mudra. She has not been charged with any crime.

The political tension in Kyiv is unfolding as Russia has escalated its aerial attacks on Ukrainian cities and infrastructure, launching an increasing number of ballistic missiles and drones at targets across the country, but focusing in particular on the capital.

Ukrainian air defenses have run out of interceptors for U.S.-designed Patriot antiaircraft systems, which are in short supply amid Washington's heavy use of them in its war against Iran.

The Patriot interceptors are Kyiv's only means of intercepting ballistic missiles. Ukraine's Air Force has stopped providing a daily tally of how many ballistic missiles Russia fired overnight and how many were shot down.

Zelensky has faced previous demands for elections, including from President Donald Trump, who said in December 2025: "They're using war not to hold an election. … It gets to a point where it's not a democracy anymore."

In response to that, Zelensky said he was open to elections but demanded help from the United States in obtaining security guarantees that could end the war and make it possible to organize a vote.

Holding an election in wartime would also require changes to the country's constitution and wartime legislation.

However, Fedorov is not alone in saying a vote is needed, given there is no end to the war in sight.

In an interview posted on social media, former Ukrainian foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba said Ukraine "can't wait until the war is over" to hold elections.

"The entire idea that elections should take place after the war is over are based on the idea that the war will end soon and that we will be able to organize civilized elections," Kuleba said. "I have a question: Who told you that the war will end soon? And secondly, who said that after the war, elections will be more civilized than during the war?"

With Fedorov leveraging his popularity to demand elections, some Ukrainian political observers said it was virtually inevitable that a vote would be held while the war is still underway.

"I think elections will happen — I think everything changed," said Tymofiy Mylovanov, head of the Kyiv School of Economics. Mylovanov said he believed that Fedorov would run for president.

In his speech on Tuesday, Fedorov gave few specifics, Mylovanov said, because "he would've looked like an expert, but he wants to look like a politician."

"If the protests will last all the way until November, when it gets cold and there will be blackouts, there will be an announcement of elections," he added. "And they will take place in the spring."

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Bessent takes action to head off rising borrowing costs

Treasury secretary says buyback of public debt will double to $4 billion

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent acted Wednesday to head off a potentially destabilizing rise in government borrowing costs, doubling to $4 billion the size of a planned buyback of public debt.

The move caused the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond, which influences business and consumer loan rates, to fall one day after it reached its highest mark in nearly 20 years.

Wednesday's announcement marks the second time this month that Bessent has waded into financial markets to discourage investors from dumping Treasurys. In early August, the former currency trader intervened to support the sagging Japanese yen amid fears that Tokyo might otherwise sell its Treasurys and use the proceeds to buttress its own currency.

Treasury's buyback announcement takes effect Sept. 9 and lasts until the day after the November elections. While it succeeded in reversing the recent uptick in government bond yields, it is unlikely to permanently resolve investors' concerns. The sell-off earlier this week in U.S. Treasury securities — at $31 trillion the world's largest financial market — came amid surging public debt in the United States, Europe, Japan and Canada; renewed conflict in the Middle East; and uncertainty about the Federal Reserve's intentions on interest rates.

The rise in long-term Treasury yields also creates another headwind for the U.S. economy, one that will lift borrowing costs for businesses and consumers as well as official Washington.

Much of the bond market's unsettling tumult results from basic supply and demand. As governments and corporations jostle for the pool of available investment capital, they are driving the cost of borrowed money higher. Political leaders in the U.S., Europe and Japan must fund ambitious public spending plans, while hyperscalers such as Alphabet and Microsoft need money to build their artificial intelligence networks.

At the same time, the collapse of the fragile U.S.-Iran ceasefire has reignited fears that an interruption in Persian Gulf oil supplies will keep energy costs and inflation high. On Thursday, Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, neared $88 per barrel, up from around $72 during the recent pause in hostilities.

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The stock market was roughly flat over the past two weeks as the bond sell-off took shape. Long-term Treasury yields on Tuesday rose to their highest point since 2007.

"There's a global competition for capital, which is government and private," said Priya Misra, a bond fund manager for J.P. Morgan Asset Management in New York. "This is going to be a huge problem for the equity market because I think people are not convinced that the entire economy can handle this level of real rates."

On Wall Street, stocks over the past year have ridden robust earnings, and AI fever, to a gain of nearly 20 percent. But higher real, or inflation-adjusted, borrowing costs are likely to slow economic activity. The stock market was roughly flat over the past two weeks as the bond sell-off took shape.

Between April and June, the economy grew at an annual rate of just 1.5 percent. Fresh signs of weakness appeared Tuesday as the Census Bureau said that single-family housing starts in July fell almost 10 percent from the previous month, reaching their lowest level in nearly four years.

The housing industry will be among the first to feel the bond market's sting. The average cost of a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage, which is influenced by long-term Treasury yields, stands at 6.67 percent, its highest point in a year, and could be headed higher.

Some investors grumble that the Federal Reserve, which controls short-term borrowing costs, has contributed to the bond market angst. Chair Kevin Warsh is trying to wean financial markets off what he sees as excessive hand-holding by the central bank. His public utterances on inflation and the economy have been parsimonious compared with those of recent predecessors.

Warsh wants financial players to react to real-world developments, not invest based on assumptions about what the Fed will do. But with annual inflation of 3.7 percent, well above the Fed's 2 percent target, some investors say that Warsh's tight-lipped approach has left them uncertain about what would lead him to back an increase in the Fed's benchmark lending rate.

Inflation, which erodes the value of existing bonds relative to new ones, is kryptonite to bond investors. Recent economic data on consumer prices and payrolls suggested that inflation may have peaked, which would be good news for bonds. But not knowing how the Fed will respond to changing conditions leaves some uneasy.

"Economic data would matter if you understood how the Fed would respond. And I think there's some genuine questions here," Misra said.

With continued uncertainty shadowing the U.S.-Iran conflict, energy markets remain on edge. The national average gasoline price stands at $4.09 a gallon and has motorists fuming less than three months before the November congressional elections.

Still, investor measures of inflation remain largely calm. And Warsh will get a chance to reassure financial markets on Aug. 28, when he addresses the annual Fed conference at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The increase in the 30-year yield, up almost half a percentage point since late June, has been noteworthy, but it's not unprecedented. There were deeper sell-offs in 2022 and 2023.

"As yet, this is not a bond market crisis," economists at Capital Economics in London told investors Tuesday.

Still, a sustained increase in the yield eventually filters into higher rates on consumer loans for homes and autos as well as corporate lending to finance factories and hiring.

The government doesn't immediately feel the full force of higher borrowing costs. But if rates remain elevated, it will pay more for the new bonds that it issues as old securities mature and are retired.

For the federal government, higher borrowing costs are spectacularly ill-timed. With a national debt of nearly $40 trillion, Washington this year is expected to spend more than $1 trillion on interest. That's roughly what taxpayers spend on Medicare each year, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

If long-term Treasury yields stayed half a percentage point higher than current budget projections assume, the government's annual interest bill could swell by roughly $95 billion by 2028, an April CBO analysis suggests.

The U.S. is not alone in seeing government bond yields tick higher as spending plans collide with market reality. Investors are demanding greater compensation from governments in Germany, where officials last year eased a constitutional "debt brake" to allow for a sizable defense spending increase, and in Japan, where Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is spearheading a $135 billion stimulus program.

Yields on Japanese 30-year bonds, which paid investors less than 1 percent in 2022, now hover at 4.1 percent, near an all-time high.

One factor in the U.S. run-up "has to do with contagion from the global market, if you look at [Japanese bonds] in particular moving higher," said Eric Winograd, director of developed market economic research for AllianceBernstein in New York.

The profile of Treasury investors has also changed in ways that could trigger faster market reactions, as quick-draw hedge funds have supplanted traditional investors such as central banks, pension funds and insurance companies. Between 2023 and September 2025, hedge funds nearly doubled their Treasury holdings and now own 8.5 percent of the market, more than the top three sovereign investors — Japan, Britain and China — combined.

Hedge funds own more Treasurys than do mutual funds or U.S. banks, according to a Federal Reserve analysis.

Unlike traditional investors, hedge funds move in and out of positions on a rapid-fire basis, raising the prospect of "systemic stress" in the world's most important financial market, the Fed concluded.

"You need players to be willing to buy the extra debt. Those players tend to be private-sector players, hedge funds, and those players are much more sensitive to risk than the official sector," said Marcello Estevao, chief economist of the Institute of International Finance, an industry group.

Wall Street inches higher on strong profit reports, easing of bond pressure

BY STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose Wednesday after the Treasury Department announced a move that could ease pressure coming from the bond market. Strong profit reports for the spring from Estee Lauder, Target and other U.S. companies also helped support Wall Street.

The S&P 500 climbed 0.2 percent for its first gain in four days after setting its all-time high last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 119 points, or 0.2 percent, and the Nasdaq composite was 0.2 percent higher.

After the Treasury Department's announcement, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.64 percent from 4.71 percent late Tuesday. It, though, remains well above its 3.97 percent level from before the war with Iran sent oil prices and worries about inflation much higher.

The 30-year Treasury yield, which recently touched its highest level since 2007, fell more sharply to 5.18 percent from 5.28 percent late Tuesday.

On Wall Street, Moderna and Merck helped lead the market after they announced encouraging initial results from a study of a cancer vaccine they co-developed. The new drug showed better recurrence-free survival in melanoma patients who had a combination of it and Keytruda, a prescription immunotherapy drug made by Merck, than with Keytruda alone.

Moderna soared 177 percent, while Merck jumped 12.6 percent.

The continuing parade of U.S. companies reporting bigger profits for the spring than analysts expected, meanwhile, continues to support stocks.

Estee Lauder rallied 16.3 percent after CEO Stéphane de La Faverie said a key measure of its revenue growth accelerated for a fourth straight quarter. It reported growth in revenue around the world, with the strongest in mainland China.

The skin care company reported earnings per share of 39 cents, after excluding some restructuring and other one-time expenses. That's up from just 9 cents a year earlier and was better than the 32 cents that analysts expected, according to FactSet.

Such growth is imperative because stock prices tend to follow the path of corporate profits over the long term. And strong growth helps allay criticism that stock prices shot too high in their runs to records.

Target rose 4.3 percent, Lowe's added 2 percent and homebuilder Toll Brothers climbed 4 percent after they all reported better profits for the latest quarter than expected.

They helped offset drops for some Big Tech stocks, which restrained the overall market.

Broadcom fell 4.6 percent and was the heaviest weight on the S&P 500. It and other winners of the artificial-intelligence boom have been swingingsharply through the summer on worries that their stocks may have shot too high and that the AI frenzy may not be sustainable if it doesn't produce big-enough profits.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Colleges take tuition payments via apps

College students and their families can now pay tuition and fees with PayPal or Venmo, the newest payment options at a handful of universities, the companies said Wednesday.

Michigan State University, Bellarmine University, Texas Tech University, Butler University and Kansas State University are the first schools to make the apps available. More colleges and universities are expected to join throughout the year.

The digital payment apps will be featured in the existing payment portal of participating schools. Students who opt for the apps can choose to pay with a linked bank account, credit card and PayPal or Venmo balances.

Fees are set by the universities, which may charge a service or convenience fee, similar to the fees charged for using a credit or debit card. Kansas State, for instance, will charge a minimum $3 service fee on PayPal and Venmo transactions over $20, according to the university.

PayPal and Venmo said students and families who pay tuition through their apps will be afforded the same encryption and fraud monitoring provided to all customers.

Carla Sanchez-Adams, a senior attorney at the National Consumer Law Center, said payment apps are loosely regulated and students should proceed with caution. She said digital payment app customers often have little recourse when payments are sent to the wrong person.

"The stakes are much higher when you're sending tens of thousands of dollars of tuition than 20 bucks to a friend for dinner," she said.

— Danielle Douglas-Gabriel

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Amazon expands drone shipping areas

Millions more people may be able to get smaller, lightweight Amazon packages delivered by drones by the end of the year under a plan the company announced Wednesday to expand the airborne shipping to suburban areas in nearly 500 U.S. cities.

Customers could receive the drone deliveries in as fast as 30 minutes, Amazon said in a news release. The drones can carry packages up to 5 pounds. (Amazon Executive Chairman Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

The goal is not necessarily about cutting costs by replacing drivers and trucks — and drones that can carry only one package at a time would have a hard time doing that. But instead, these companies are using drones as one tool to help keep customers happy with quicker deliveries, banking on a faster delivery system attracting more shoppers.

Amazon's plan would expand its drone delivery operation more than sixfold nationwide into hundreds of new communities, including the Chicago, Atlanta and Cleveland metro areas. The drones will primarily fly in the suburbs well away from skyscrapers and major airports that could cause problems.

Walmart already offers drone delivery at more than 75 stores across Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia and Texas, but the core part of its network relies on drivers to bring orders directly from its stores to customers.

The service will be free for Amazon Prime members who are ordering more than $50 worth of goods, but smaller orders will cost members $2.99. Nonmembers will pay $4.99 for drone delivery.

— Associated Press

The FDA on Wednesday approved Regeneron's drug for a rare genetic disorder after it significantly reduced abnormal bone formation in certain soft tissues. The drug, garetosmab, branded as Pasatru, was approved for treating adults with fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva — a condition where muscle, tendon and ligament tissue gradually turn into bone, leading to a "second skeleton" that causes progressive loss of mobility and reduced life expectancy. In a 56-week trial involving 63 participants, Pasatru reduced the development of new bone abnormalities by 94 percent in patients treated with a 3 mg per kg dose and by 90 percent in the case of a 10 mg per kg dose, when compared with placebo. Susan Rhee, a member of Regeneron's clinical team, told Reuters last week that the company is planning to start a trial for children later this year.

— From news services

Trump says he has paused 50% Canadian tariffs, touts late deal

Steep levies, announced last month, were set to take effect Wednesday

BY RACHEL LERMAN

President Donald Trump said late Tuesday that he would pause the imposition of new 50 percent tariffs on Canadian beer, cheese and some of the country's other items.

The tariffs on Canadian products, announced by Trump last month and that were due to take effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, would have escalated tensions between the United States and its northern neighbor, a key trading partner.

Less than two hours before they would have taken effect, Trump posted on his Truth Social account that he was pausing the levies for three days while a deal was finalized. He did not provide details of the deal but referenced a controversial pipeline project.

"The great Keystone XL Pipeline, long ago killed by Sleepy Joe Biden, may be awoken from the grave!" he wrote.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney issued his own statement late Tuesday, which did not reference a deal. He said the tariffs had been paused for three days while the work between the two countries was "ongoing."

"Substantial progress has been made, although there is important work still to be done," he said in a statement.

Negotiators from Canada and the U.S. had been meeting in the lead-up to Wednesday, and Reuters reported that Trump and Carney spoke on the phone Tuesday afternoon.

A proclamation from the White House announcing the pause Tuesday night said that "Canada has expressed a commitment to remove the discriminations or unreasonable and unequal impositions at issue" in the tariff orders.

Shortly after posting about the deal, Trump posted an AI-generated image that depicted him unearthing the Keystone pipeline, with a sign reading: "Keystone Pipeline. Completely free. Energy. Jobs. America first."

The account for the U.S. trade representative on X said that the deal would "include comprehensive market access for all American goods, economic security commitments, digital trade alignment, and many important provisions that will continue to protect our market and American workers, along with our Canadian partners."

Tensions between the two nations had been high since Trump last year began implementing widespread tariffs on countries around the globe. Those tariffs have since been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, but Trump has turned to an array of legal authorities to impose new levies.

Last month, after wildfires in Ontario sent thick smoke pouring into the United States, Trump threatened to punish Canada with new tariffs. A day later, Trump announced the new 50 percent levies; the White House said they had nothing to do with smoke and instead were intended to punish Canada for retaliating against Trump's tariffs in 2025, when officials in most Canadian provinces removed U.S. wine and spirits from government-run stores.

Canada also imposed a 25 percent tariff on some U.S. autos in response to a similar move by Trump. The Trump administration says these actions unjustly penalized three industries — alcohol, autos and dairy — which were the targets of the proposed 50 percent tariffs. Last month, the Trump administration said Canada's retaliation amounted to unwarranted "discrimination" against U.S. merchandise.

The new tariffs would have applied to just 5 percent of the $382 billion worth of Canadian goods that the U.S. imported last year. Economists said they were unlikely to have significantly affected U.S. consumers, but could have sparked a devastating trade war between two key economic partners.

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Stickers denoting a product from Canada are seen on containers of cheese at a grocery store in British Columbia.

Trump joins leaders of crypto firms in push for industry-backed bill

Event is used to lobby for legislation that could lend sector greater legitimacy

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI AND JARRELL DILLARD

Surrounded by executives from Coinbase, Ripple and other leading cryptocurrency companies, President Donald Trump on Wednesday called for Congress to pass legislation that could lend greater legitimacy to the fast-growing industry — which includes the Trump family business.

The gathering in the Roosevelt Room at the White House highlighted the political clout that the crypto industry has amassed in just a few years by spending hundreds of millions of dollars to elect political allies, including Trump.

Trump stands to personally benefit from the industry's current top legislative priority, which could usher in more mainstream adoption of digital assets. In 2025, he took in more than $1.4 billion from cryptocurrency, digital tokens and other related partnerships.

The White House event celebrated the steps that the administration has taken to unwind Biden-era limits on the crypto industry. Those limits were spurred by the 2022 collapse of the FTX cryptocurrency exchange, which harmed millions of investors. Trump and the executives said their next goal is to pass the Clarity Act, which would establish a federal rule book for digital assets. Industry officials say they have been held back by uncertainty over regulation.

"It's very, very powerful structured legislation which will keep us ahead of China, keep us ahead of everyone else and will open the door to the next wave of innovations and innovators," Trump said.

The president's endorsement presents a quandary for the industry, as many Democrats say they will support the legislation only if it has strict guardrails to prevent Trump from further profiting from cryptocurrency while in office. The use of the White House to promote legislation that stands to help the Trump family's businesses could further exacerbate those concerns, especially as Democrats campaign on allegations that Trump has leveraged his office for financial gain.

As a real estate developer and entertainer, Trump faced unprecedented conflicts of interest during his first term. But his family's expansion into the crypto industry before and during his second term has exacerbated ethical concerns.

The Trump family started a crypto firm, World Liberty Financial, just months before Trump won reelection in 2024. Trump and first lady Melania Trump also launched their own meme coins around his inauguration; they have declined in price more than 90 percent since January 2025, according to Coinbase.

The White House event is the latest salvo in the industry's years-long efforts to lobby Congress to pass legislation that would define which federal agencies are responsible for regulating digital assets. Executives like Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong have made high-profile visits to Capitol Hill, industry advocacy groups have launched ad campaigns to bolster the legislation, and the industry's super PACs have spent millions to unseat vulnerable members of Congress who oppose the Clarity Act.

The Clarity Act "would make all of the progress that this administration has made durable into the future, so it could survive for decades and decades to come," Armstrong said.

Republicans had hoped to hold a vote on the Clarity Act before Congress left this month for its five-week recess, but Senate leaders punted the vote until September amid opposition to some of the bill's provisions.

The Clarity Act would split authority for regulating crypto tokens between the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. It would also set anti-money-laundering laws for crypto platforms, treating them like traditional banks.

The bill would set ethics rules that ban senior federal officials, including the president, vice president, members of Congress and their spouses, from creating or sponsoring digital assets while in office. The attorney general would have sole authority over enforcing these ethics rules.

Democrats have balked at handing that authority to the Justice Department, arguing that the attorney general, who is appointed by the president, could refuse to investigate the president and his allies. Some Democrats have expressed specific concerns about Trump, arguing that he could sidestep the ethics provisions as written by allowing his children to take control of his crypto-related business.

"We wanted to make sure that the enforcement portion of the bill would not just be enforced by DOJ, but it has to be the state attorneys general" as well, said Sen. Angela Alsobrooks (D-Maryland), who was involved in working with Republicans to come to a compromise on the overall Clarity Act.

Sens. Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina) and Ruben Gallego (D-Arizona) drafted a counterproposal to address the ethics concerns and sent it to the White House. Tillis said the proposal would incorporate state attorneys general in the enforcement process.

Tillis told reporters before the August recess that he had not received a formal response from the White House and that if the changes were not adopted, he had committed to Democrats that he would vote against the bill.

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Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong speaks alongside President Donald Trump at a meeting of crypto and other leaders on Wednesday.

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THURSDAY OPINION

America has 3 billion words of legal code riddled with 'policy sludge'

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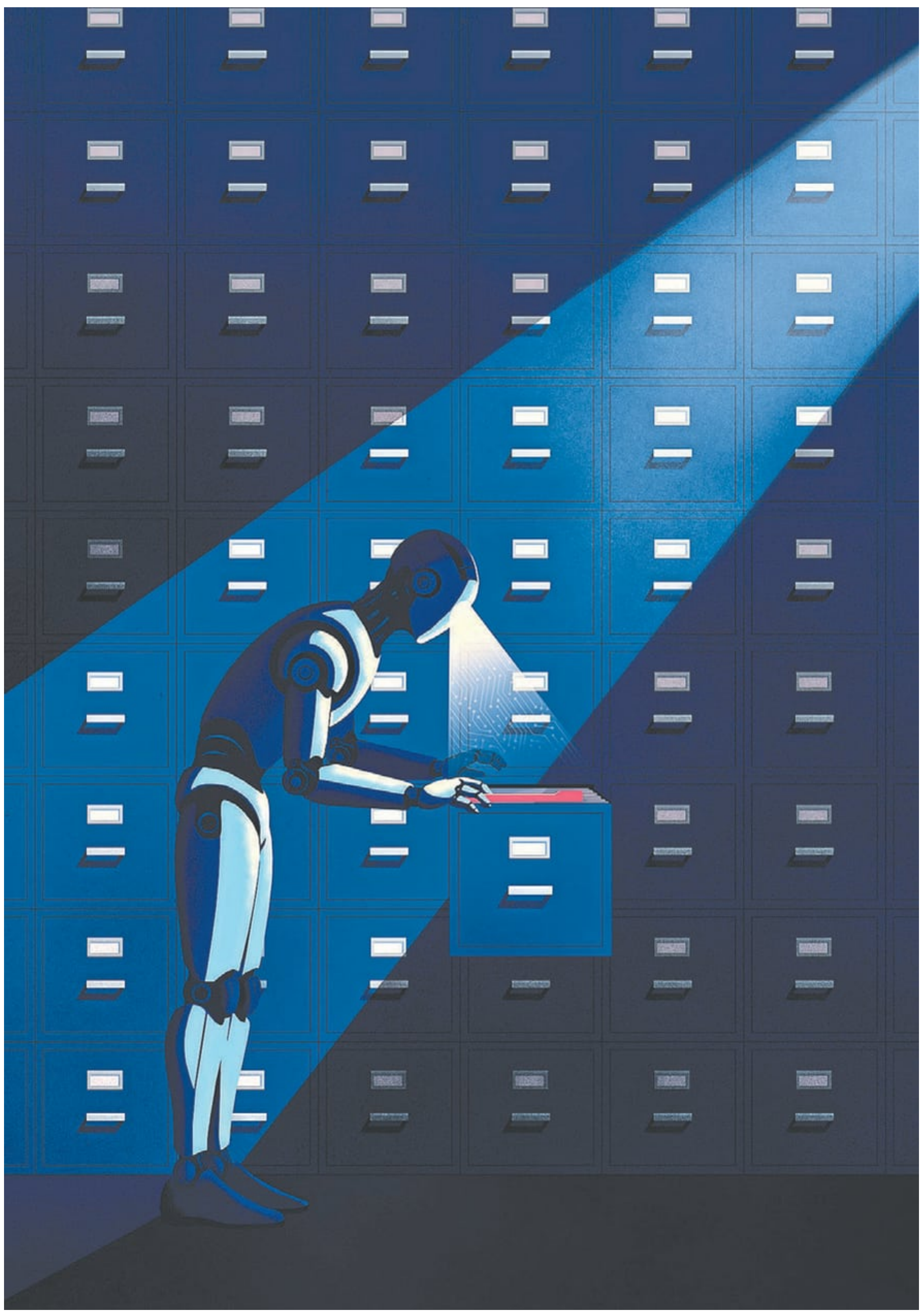
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Every year, the Federal Reserve's board of governors sends Congress a report on the Presidential $1 Coin Program. Federal law demands it, even though the coins stopped being minted for circulation in 2011. Since then, the Fed has asked — without success — each year to be relieved of the exercise.

Such "policy sludge" — obsolete requirements that accumulate over time — riddles the United States' more than 3 billion words of legal code. The sheer volume of rules, regulations and laws has frustrated researchers and lawmakers trying to clean house for decades. But no longer. Thanks to artificial intelligence, our team at Stanford University's Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab, or RegLab, is able to examine every word of federal, state and municipal code in an effort to hunt down antiquated requirements.

Policy sludge can have pernicious effects. Justice Neil M. Gorsuch noted in his 2024 book, "Over Ruled," that a single report on the printing operations of the Social Security Administration took 95 employees more than four months to complete. In "Recoding America," Jennifer Pahlka argued that procedural accumulation prevents progressive government from delivering. These requirements stay wedged in the U.S. Code, quietly consuming civil servant time that could be spent processing a Social Security check, a building permit or a nursing license. It also fuels mistrust of government.

The Fed's coin report should be easy to kill. But the law is still on the books 15 years since it became obsolete. What has made this problem intractable is the scale and complexity of the code. In the 1970s, then-law professor Ruth Bader Ginsburg hired a small army of students to search the code for sex bias. Under the Reagan Justice Department, one official led a failed two-year effort to count the number of federal crimes, noting you could have died and been "resurrected three times" and still not know the true number. Auditing the legal code by hand takes time no legislature can afford.

That constraint is now broken. My team developed an AI system capable of scanning municipal codes (3 billion words), state codes (500 million words) and the federal code (33 million words). This tech-based approach makes it much less costly to identify outdated fees, commissions, reports and discriminatory provisions.

Some of the laws still on America's books are ugly remnants of the past. We found that dozens of municipalities still have provisions for segregated schools, poll taxes and male-only voter eligibility — practices that have long been unconstitutional. In San Francisco, the public health director has the power to "examine any person of either sex whom he has reasonable grounds to believe is afflicted with a venereal disease." But outdated, unconstitutional laws are just one part of the story. Four findings from our scan of reporting requirements illustrate how policy sludge is handicapping government and undermining public trust.

First, reporting requirements have ballooned. In California, they grew roughly 400 percent between 2000 and 2025. Staffing has not kept pace. In Maryland, we estimate that reading all reports the legislature ordered during fiscal year 2023 could take a single legislator up to 14 weeks. The session only runs 13.

Second, many reports are never even filed. In California, 30 percent of recurring reports appear to not have been fulfilled. A paper mandate that produces nothing satisfies no one. Reports should increase transparency, but the reality is that many of them may never be read. When San Francisco published a housing report and overstated evictions by 40 percent in July 2025, few noticed.

Third, costs and benefits vary enormously. At the high end, producing a single report in California consumed 3,500 hours of staff time and more than $870,000. Others take a few hours and are downloaded thousands of times.

Reporting requirements can represent real oversight victories, but more reports do not always mean better governance. That's why it matters that when agencies reviewed their obligations, as in Maryland, they identified about 20 percent as candidates for elimination or consolidation. Civil servants are not defending this system; they are trapped inside it.

Fourth, procedural sclerosis is not a partisan story. Proponents of "abundance" point their fingers at Democratic states. Our data confirm that reporting requirements are indeed more prevalent in blue states, even controlling for size of government. But the difference is small. Sludge is bipartisan. It is the result of legislative processes with every incentive to claim credit for new legislation and little motivation to revisit the old. Reporting in The Post has described burdensome congressional reports as a "parable about why some big government systems break down."

Governments are beginning to act, using our results to guide their code cleanup. San Francisco embarked on an extensive consultative process and passed legislation streamlining over a third of its reporting requirements. Gov. Kathy Hochul (D-New York) issued an executive order for a "Regulatory Reset," kicking off agency processes to identify and cut obsolete requirements. Though AI enables such reform, lasting change requires consultation, input and human judgment.

The more durable fix is structural. In a forthcoming paper, we offer a model statute with three key elements: sunsetting reporting obligations, keeping a public digital repository and tracking the costs and uses of each obligation. Codifying law should make it legible. But without maintenance, it achieves the opposite — the law as written stops being the law as it is. New York law, for instance, still requires the state's board of regents to report on disciplinary actions taken against "subversive" teachers, a Red Scare measure found unconstitutional in 1967. A one-time cleanup resets the clock. Maintenance keeps it wound.

Clearing out remnants of outdated law is not deregulation for deregulation's sake. It ensures public servants can spend time on what matters. Maintaining good government hygiene can help restore trust in government when Americans are rightly worried about its capacity to deliver.

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Trump's steam obsession imperils the U.S. carrier fleet

BY BRYAN CLARK

President Donald Trump's Aug. 13 executive order directing the U.S. Navy to return to steam power for its catapults, the system used by carriers to launch fixed-wing aircraft, risks crippling fleet readiness — already at its lowest point in decades.

After six months of war against Iran, the Pentagon has extended two carrier deployments to more than 260 days and will probably do the same with their replacements. The government's repair yards will take years to work through the maintenance backlog, and many of the best sailors will almost certainly leave for better options. Combine that with budget uncertainty, and the Navy could go months with only one carrier deployed overseas during each of the next few years.

Redesigning the USS Doris Miller, already under construction, to replace its electromagnetic catapults with steam systems will exacerbate the readiness crisis. The change is estimated to cost billions of dollars and delay the ship's launch into the late 2030s. And that's only if the Navy can convince a manufacturer to start building steam catapults again after a nearly three-decade hiatus.

Delayed carrier production will drop the fleet to 10 flattops next year, with the USS Nimitz retiring and the USS John F. Kennedy not ready to deploy. Continued construction and redesign delays for the USS Miller would shrink the fleet to nine carriers during the next decade. The Navy would need to work the smaller force harder, wearing out its people and equipment faster, and accelerating the readiness decline.

The Navy adopted electromagnetic catapults in its new carriers for the same reason rail lines shifted from steam to electric propulsion during the 20th century. Electric power has fewer moving parts, is more reliable, costs less and offers higher speeds compared with steam power.

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A U.S. Navy F-18C Hornet on the deck of the USS Kitty Hawk before being launched by a steam catapult in 2003.

The United States isn't alone in moving to electromagnetic catapults. The other two countries with catapult-equipped carriers, China and France, have adopted the technology.

The Trump administration has prioritized warfighting and lethality in its strategies, budgets and military campaigns. If returning to steam catapults paid off operationally, it would make sense for the Navy to bite the bullet and make the change. But recent events show steam is the wrong choice.

During its 11-month deployment, which ended in May and was the longest for a carrier since the Vietnam War, the USS Gerald R. Ford conducted more than 11,000 aircraft launches using electromagnetic catapults, more than carriers with steam systems could achieve. Nearly all of those sorties were strike fighters that could each carry more than eight tons of ordnance and hit nearly a dozen targets.

But perhaps the biggest benefits of the electromagnetic catapults are their lower cost and lighter personnel requirements. With the Navy running out of operating funds, and retention likely to plummet in the aftermath of the war with Iran, the fleet needs to make the most of every dollar and sailor.

The Ford's crew is about 500 sailors smaller than its predecessors', largely because it is an all-electric ship outside of the engine room. Because they needed steam for catapults, older carriers also used steam for a variety of other functions throughout the ship — such as cooking equipment and water purification.

The valves, pressure regulators and piping needed for steam services create an enormous maintenance burden for older carriers that require a division of mechanics. And the steam catapults have so many moving parts and failure modes that they require about 10 more sailors per catapult — there are four catapults on a modern carrier — than electromagnetic systems.

People are the most expensive element of running a ship. With hundreds fewer sailors and easier-to-maintain electrical equipment, the Ford costs the Navy about $100 million less per year to operate compared with its older carriers. That equals the price of almost 100 Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Steam power was cutting-edge technology in the 19th century. It is the wrong choice for a Pentagon that is leaning into artificial intelligence and autonomous systems. The Navy should stay the course with electromagnetic catapults to keep the carrier fleet strong and deliver more firepower. It could use the savings to help refill the fleet's weapons magazines.

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Two countries are keeping Iran armed and dangerous

BY BRADLEY BOWMAN
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Iran's extensive list of demands for opening the Strait of Hormuz has many scratching their heads and wondering how to make sense of a frenetic U.S. approach toward a regime in Tehran that is exercising influence.

A significant reason for Iran's resilience, lethality and leverage is the growing support Tehran is receiving from China and Russia. These two nations were nowhere to be found when Israel and the United States struck Iranian nuclear and military sites in June 2025, leaving Iran to defend itself.

However, when the U.S. and Israel launched military operations against Iran in February, Russia increased its help, providing Iran with valuable drone and intelligence support that strengthened its offensive capabilities. Russia has aided Iran's campaign of attacks by unmanned aerial vehicles by reportedly sharing valuable drone tactics and technologies tested on the battlefield in Ukraine.

In fact, the Islamic republic's prolific use of drone attacks targeting U.S. and partner forces across the Middle East has been one of Tehran's most potent tools throughout the war. On March 1, an Iranian drone struck a U.S. operations center in Kuwait, killing six American soldiers.

Perhaps most startlingly, Russia reportedly provided Iran with satellite imagery and other forms of intelligence to enable Iranian attacks on American military positions in the region, likely improving Tehran's ability to target U.S. forces and high-value assets — such as radars and command-and-control sites — with drones and ballistic missiles. On July 17, three American soldiers were killed by an Iranian ballistic missile attack in Jordan.

China has not been idle, either. Beijing has long provided Tehran with dual-use support, meaning items that can be used for civilian and military purposes. This is perhaps most evident in Iran's ballistic missile program. China has supplied Iran with chemicals such as sodium perchlorate, which can be used to produce ammonium perchlorate. The latter is controlled under the Missile Technology Control Regime, a multinational agreement seeking to limit missile proliferation. Ammonium perchlorate can be used in the solid-propellant rocket motors that power most ballistic missiles.

The shipments have been steady. In January 2025, two Iranian cargo vessels sailed from China carrying more than 1,000 tons of sodium perchlorate. By June 2025, Tehran had placed a new order for ammonium perchlorate through a Hong Kong-based holding company.

If Washington ignores actions by Russia and China, Tehran's regime will continue to become more resilient and lethal.

On April 29, 2025, the Treasury Department sanctioned Iranian and Chinese entities for supplying missile-propellant ingredients to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, saying the network "facilitated the procurement of sodium perchlorate" from China to Iran.

The aid continued after the U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran in June 2025. According to European intelligence sources, China sent some 2,000 tons of sodium perchlorate in several shipments, which began arriving on Sept. 29 of last year as Tehran worked to reconstitute its ballistic missile stocks. Even during this year's war, Chinese chemical shipments to Iran appear to have continued, with two ships suspected of carrying sodium perchlorate arriving in Iran in March, according to maritime tracking data.

But China's backing of Iran's ability to threaten the region goes beyond assistance for ballistic missile production. In 2024, the IRGC acquired a Chinese surveillance satellite previously launched by China, which Tehran has reportedly used to target U.S. forces.

If Washington ignores these actions by Russia and China, Tehran's regime will continue to become more resilient and lethal. That is likely to put additional pressure on U.S. munitions, exacerbate problems in the Strait of Hormuz and potentially cause more American casualties in a future conflict.

A weak response from Washington will invite additional help for Iran as it seeks to rebuild its arsenal and defense-industrial base. That could include the delivery of hundreds of Chinese-made QW-12 and FN-16 shoulder-fired air-defense systems.

To block and deter China and Russia from propping up Iran, Washington and its allies should take decisive steps. These should include increasing intelligence and munitions support for Ukrainian offensive strikes and imposing sanctions on Beijing if it provides Iran with weapons systems or significant military components. The U.S. and its allies should also interdict Chinese chemical shipments that boost Iran's ballistic missile program. Finally, Congress should require an annual report from the intelligence community detailing Beijing's dual-use support to Iran and share that information with U.S. partners.

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EDITORIALS

Better to fear price controls than ‘dynamic pricing’

The answer to bad pricing practices is competition.

WE SHOULD ALL be worried about ‘dynamic pricing,’” Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) announced online this week. That would be a waste of Americans’ collective anxiety.

Warren said dynamic pricing is “when companies change their prices in real time,” but that’s hardly a helpful definition. What counts as “in real time”? It isn’t that prices should be set once and forever frozen (like the ice cream she cited), or that consumers would be better off if bureaucrats get to decide how often a price is allowed to change.

Businesses use all sorts of time-based factors for pricing. Air travel usually costs more when booked the day before a flight than when booked months in advance. Restaurants have promotions, such as lunch specials or happy hours, with prices changing based on the time of day (though happy hours are banned in Warren’s home state — something Massachusetts legislators are trying to change with a “fun agenda”). Finding yourself on the wrong side of price changes can be annoying, of course, but price controls would create much greater annoyances.

Adjacent to dynamic pricing is personalized pricing, or when a business charges two customers different amounts for the same good. Andrew Ferguson, the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, put out a statement on Wednesday warning that businesses “that fail to tell consumers how their personal data is being used to set a price” could be breaking the law.

Some personalized pricing schemes, such as loyalty programs that reward frequent customers, are widely accepted. Some are already regulated or banned. For example, Obamacare limited the price of insurance for high-risk patients. The law has not lowered health care costs overall.

ANNA MONEYMAKER

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) at the U.S. Capitol on Aug. 5.

Charging people different amounts based on their online browsing habits would offend many consumers, but it’s unclear how often that occurs. Competition is the best check on personalized pricing: If a business takes it too far, other businesses would gladly take its customers.

Perhaps that’s why government, which faces no competition, has implemented arguably more aggressive personalized pricing than the private sector.

The individual income tax — the largest price Americans pay for the federal government — is calibrated through different rates, deductions and credits to a taxpayer’s individual circumstances. The personal information collected by the Education Department’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid form allows universities to charge families at exactly the level they are willing to pay. Welfare and public housing programs are keyed closely to the recipient’s means and family characteristics.

Previous government efforts to make private-sector prices more uniform have been deleterious to consumers. Beginning in the Great Depression, many states had ”fair trade” laws that prohibited retailers from charging prices that differed from those set by the supplier. In 1975, Congress banned the laws nationwide — not coincidentally, at a time of high inflation. The repeal of fair trade laws allowed discount retailers to charge their customers lower prices for the same goods.

Efforts to limit dynamic or personalized pricing by regulation would make it just as hard to lower prices as to raise them. Rather than meddling with businesses’ revenue strategies, politicians could take a look at the gusher of extra money the federal budget is pumping into the economy and ask themselves what effect that might be having on prices.

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The USS George Washington arrives at the port in Danang, Vietnam, on July 30.

Trump inverts his own foreign policy mantra

U.S. moves in Asia show strategic confusion.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP announced on Truth Social over the weekend that he had instructed Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to “substantially reduce” joint military exercises with South Korea. His post landed alongside news that the USS George Washington, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier deployed in the Pacific, had been ordered to the Middle East.

Taken together, the two events show the risks of Trump’s erratic foreign policy. The president suggested the curb on military exercises was payback for South Korea’s unwillingness to join the Iran war, highlighting that America’s defense commitments are less than ironclad. And leaving the Pacific without a carrier on patrol invites further probing and provocation by adversaries.

Ironically, the administration’s own strategy documents cautioned against spreading the military too thin. The United States is not ready to fight multiple wars at once, especially if one involves a near-peer adversary such as China.

Trump’s war of choice against a regional power — the “little excursion,” as Trump called the Iran campaign — has drawn down stockpiles of some high-end weapons to dangerously low levels. According to some estimates, nearly 80 percent of the Pentagon’s THAAD interceptors, roughly half of its Patriots and nearly half of its Tomahawk missiles are gone. Early in the conflict, reports suggested that the U.S. had sent at least some of a South Korean THAAD battery’s missile stock to the Middle East.

January’s National Defense Strategy warned about the risk of America “being drawn into simultaneous major wars across theaters.” Last year’s National Security Strategy said the U.S. should conserve its resources, shift burdens to allies and rebuild its industrial base before any real test of American power arrives. The test is here, and the country’s readiness is in question.

The U.S. still fields a fearsome military with unmatched reach. The Navy operates 11 supercarriers. Peacetime maintenance, training schedules and overburdened shipyards currently allow only three or four to be at sea at any given time. War sets a different pace, but the Pentagon isn’t acting like it.

Trump needs to recognize how sharply the U.S. is being squeezed. Fast-tracking missile purchases and funding the development of low-cost alternatives to restock the larder is a good first step. Cutting both unnecessary bloat and complacency in the Pentagon’s bureaucracy is a necessary second. The administration’s $1.5 trillion defense budget request is fiscally ambitious, but it might be a necessary one-time ask to put the U.S. on sounder footing. Will every penny be spent wisely?

Just as important is holding allies close. Trump’s rough talk on burden-sharing is understandable in peacetime. Done when the U.S. military is so visibly stretched, it starts to look reckless.

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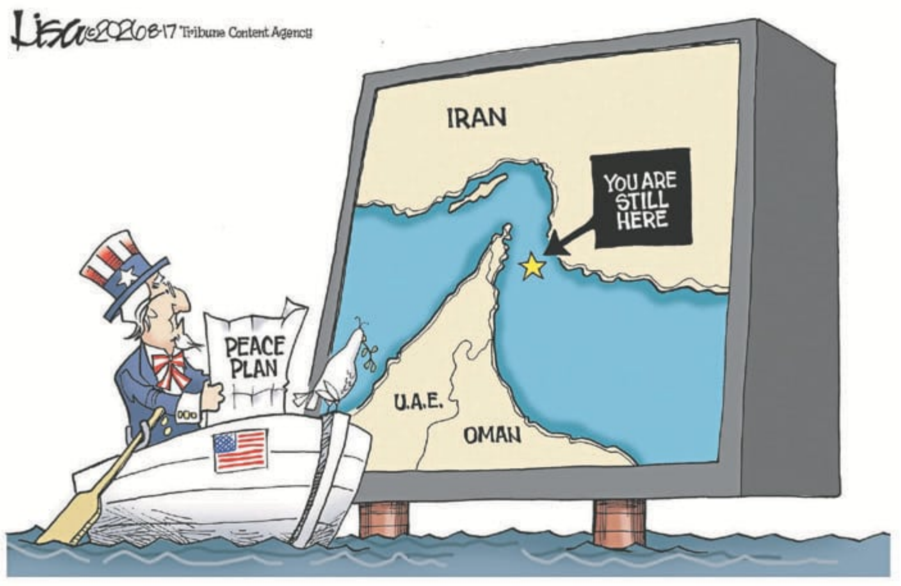

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Listen to the sailors of the USS Abraham Lincoln

Regarding the Aug. 17 news article “U.S. commander: Mental health is a priority”:

The men and women aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln haven’t set foot on land since November and are more than a month past their planned seven-month schedule. That is reportedly about to change soon as part of a planned rotation with the Pacific-based aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

I was a carrier sailor for two years and am familiar with the sacrifices of the honorable patriots at sea. There are few workplaces in the world more dangerous than a deployed aircraft carrier. I served during peacetime, but there were times when we came perilously close to the battle that we were all trained for.

I knew what I had signed up for, just as the crew of the Lincoln does today. In addition to the endless workdays, I always knew, in the back of my mind, that an enemy with an itchy trigger finger would love nothing better than to put us at the bottom of the ocean.

There are many obstacles to carrier life — separation from family, lack of privacy and sleep deprivation — although after a 16-hour workday, the sound of fighter jets taking off and landing above my sleeping area became a maritime lullaby.

Perhaps above all, the sailors and Marines selflessly putting their lives on the line for their country need support from their commander in chief. What they got instead from President Donald Trump was a message of indifference when he said that the sailors haven’t been out on patrol long enough.

Vin Morabito, *Scranton, Pennsylvania*

The Post reported in the Aug. 14 news article “Democrats demand answers amid reports of poor conditions on the USS Abraham Lincoln” that Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut) said conditions seem to be worsening onboard the USS Lincoln, as sailors’ families report alleged food shortages, broken toilets, moldy showers, water contamination and faulty mail systems that prevent care packages from arriving.

Yet, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth dismissed the reports as “completely misrepresented.”

Instead of dismissing concerns, Hegseth should demand an independent investigation and let the facts speak for themselves.

Our sailors risk their lives for this country. They deserve decent living conditions and honest leadership, and above all, they deserve to be heard.

Tom Scorby, *Saint Charles, Illinois*

The nuclear order can still be rebuilt

It was with a glimmer of hope that we read that the world is sleepwalking into a new nuclear arms race in the Aug. 17 editorial “The old global nuclear order is dead. What comes next?” The wake-up call is welcome, but the editorial advocated only limited attempts to confront the increasing danger. Incremental arms-control measures, while useful, are not an adequate response to the escalating nuclear threat.

Another danger not mentioned in the editorial is the use of artificial intelligence in nuclear weapons systems, which increases the risk of miscalculation. Ironically, Americans’ safety depends on the quality of the AI systems used in the nuclear weapons systems of North Korea and other adversaries.

As the editorial noted, in the 1980s President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev came tantalizingly close to agreeing to eliminate all nuclear weapons. Their attempt was made possible by organized public opinion in favor of the abolition of all nuclear weapons. A mass movement is needed again. One hundred nations — a majority of the world’s countries — have now signed or joined the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which is the only long-term solution to the nuclear dilemma.

In a world in which nuclear weapons were outlawed, the United States, with its excellent conventional forces and protection offered by two oceans, would have little to fear. The first step toward safety, as advocated by the editorial, is for the public to awaken from its slumber and find its voice.

James Muller, *Auburndale, Massachusetts*
Henry David Abraham, *Sarasota, Florida*
The writers were, respectively, co-founder and co-author of the Constitution of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

I spent 30 years working on nuclear proliferation for the U.S. government. The Aug. 17 editorial made a number of valid points about nuclear weapons and the importance of preventing their spread and use. For example, it rightly pointed out the need to refresh the mechanisms of strategic dialogue and arms control among the nuclear powers, many of which have lapsed or become obsolete, and to focus on actions to reduce the risk of nuclear war and escalation.

But the old global nuclear order is not dead. Bilateral nuclear arms control has lapsed, but the multilateral nonproliferation system remains in place. Support for the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which prohibits most countries from acquiring nuclear weapons, and for the International Atomic Energy Agency, which verifies that prohibition, remains broad and deep.

The lesson from the wars in Ukraine and Iran is not that both countries should have nuclear weapons. The lesson is that the wars exposed the inability of nuclear powers to impose their will through nuclear coercion.

Nuclear weapons are still needed to deter nuclear attack by others, but the United States will be better able to navigate these dangers if we treat deterrence as a necessary evil and not a security panacea.

Mark Goodman, *Bethesda*

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Panic over data centers ignores an important pattern

BY **JULIA R. CARTWRIGHT**

The real price of energy is assumed to rise more than 150 percent" over the next 25 years.

That sentence could have been ripped from recent coverage of the data center wars. In fact, it is 46 years old, written in 1980 for "The Global 2000 Report to the President," a federal study the media promptly nicknamed "The Doomsday Report."

This foreboding forecast, however, missed the mark by a comfortable margin. Instead of climbing 150 percent, the real price of residential electricity *fell* by more than 25 percent. A million dollars and 13 agencies produced a prediction that got not only the magnitude but also, most impressively, the direction of the price change wrong.

Decades later we are living through the sequel. Artificial intelligence, we're told, will devour the grid and send electricity bills into an unsustainable spiral. Alas, data centers have already accomplished what no politician could: uniting Americans of both parties in shared loathing. More than 70 percent of Americans do not want one nearby, and a veteran energy journalist said he has seen nothing like the rage directed at them in decades of covering contentious renewable energy debates. This backlash has the makings of a powder keg, or at least of a highly exploitable panic.

The fear, however, rests on the same broken assumptions that sank the Doomsday Report: that scarcity is destiny, that today's prices march in a straight line and that innovation is somehow exogenous to the market.

The economist who spent his career demolishing those assumptions was the late Julian Simon, and his arguments have never been more alive.

In 1980, Simon, then a little-known business professor at the University of Illinois, publicly challenged the most famous doomsayer in the country. Paul Ehrlich was a Stanford University biologist and the author of the mega-bestseller "The Population Bomb." He was a fixture on Johnny Carson's couch, from which he warned millions that resource exhaustion would soon make everything catastrophically scarce and expensive.

Simon offered a bet: Pick any raw materials you like and any date more than a year out, and I'll wager their real prices will fall. Ehrlich pounced, announcing he'd take the bet "before other greedy people jump in." He and two fellow scientists from the University of California at Berkeley chose a $1,000 basket of five metals — copper, chromium, nickel, tin and tungsten — with a settlement date of 1990.

Every single metal got cheaper. Copper fell 18 percent in real terms, chromium 40 percent, nickel 3 percent, tin 72 percent and tungsten 57 percent. In October 1990, Simon received an envelope from Palo Alto containing a check for $576.07 — the difference between the $1,000 basket of metals and the $423.93 they were worth after the price decreased — and no note. It remains, perhaps, the most eloquent silence in the history of economics.

Simon's point was never that resources are infinite. It was that a rising price is not a death sentence under which humanity is bound to suffer, but a signal about scarcity in the economy that mobilizes a response. High prices summon the one character strangely missing from most foundational economics: the entrepreneur.

Simon's insight is that markets don't just clear; they *innovate*. For example, when copper recently got more expensive, entrepreneurs didn't ration copper. They invented fiber optics and made copper's core job, carrying information, obsolete. The "shortage" was solved by making the scarce thing unnecessary via innovation.

Now apply Simon's insights to the panic du jour. The compute-doom syllogism goes like this: AI needs ever more data centers, data centers need ever more power, and therefore usage costs must rise until the industry collapses under its own appetite. This is essentially Thomas Malthus with GPUs, and it fails for the same reason Malthus did.

And today, the cost per unit of intelligence isn't rising; it's plummeting. Stanford's AI Index report found that the price of a fixed level of AI performance fell more than two hundredfold in roughly two years. The reasons are exactly the ones Simon's framework predicts. Engineers built leaner models that do more with less. Chipmakers designed processors purpose-built for AI. And high electricity prices set off a scramble for new power — restarted nuclear plants, geothermal wells, gas turbines and solar farms — that suddenly made economic sense. None of this makes the grid strain imaginary or the pain ratepayers feel any less real. It makes them a price signal for entrepreneurs to continue problem-solving.

Could this time really be different? That's what they said about oil in 1977, about metals in 1980 and oil again in 2008, right before supply, substitution and efficiency broke each "permanent" spiral. The burden of proof belongs to the people betting against human ingenuity, and their track record is a check for $576.07.

So, when the doomsday chorus tells you the machines will eat the grid, channel Julian Simon and ask what odds they're offering. Remember which side of that wager history keeps paying out. Scarcity writes the headlines, losers write the checks, and entrepreneurs write the future.

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Polls are getting worse. They're still the best gauge.

BY **HENRY OLSEN**

Oops, they did it again. Big misses in the recent Michigan and Wisconsin Democratic primaries left some proclaiming (again) that no one should trust the polls. The better approach is to follow President Ronald Reagan's dictum and "trust, but verify."

Political polling is clearly going through a rough patch. The consistent underestimation of President Donald Trump's level of general-election support is the most widely known example of reduced reliability. But the problem extends at least as far back as 2012, when many pollsters thought Republican nominee Mitt Romney would beat President Barack Obama. The night came to a surprisingly (for conservatives, at least) quick end as Obama's nearly four-point victory meant he easily carried almost every swing state.

It's getting harder to produce accurate results, and professional pollsters know why: Almost no one answers calls from people they don't already know. This means that the bedrock statistical fact undergirding modern surveys — that a small random sample of any population can accurately measure the opinions of the whole population within a small margin of error — can no longer be relied upon.

Pollsters have adapted by adopting new survey techniques and using demographic benchmarks to adjust the samples they obtain — a process known as "weighting." Trouble is, their results are only as good as those benchmarks. And given today's severe polarization, even a 1 or 2 percent error in measuring the underlying partisanship of the electorate can be the difference between predicting that Vice President Kamala Harris would win most swing states and the reality of Trump's sweep.

Polling partisan primaries is even more difficult than general elections. In those races, pollsters simply don't have the demographic benchmarks they need to weight. Predicting primary turnout levels, which vary wildly between cycles, is devilishly hard. States that allow anyone to cast ballots in a party primary, as Michigan and Wisconsin do, make it harder still. How many independents or Republicans could decide to vote in a Democratic primary? Impossible to know ahead of time — especially with the swirling crosscurrents and incentives created by this year's spate of high-stakes left vs. establishment contests.

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Both of these issues were probably at the root of the industry's recent colossal failure. Political data analyst G. Elliott Morris did a deep dive into one Wisconsin poll of the Democratic gubernatorial race that had showed democratic socialist Francesca Hong ahead by 22 points in August (she lost to establishment candidate David Crowley by half a point) and found that the sample was both too young and too left-leaning. That's not surprising, since the primary drew more than 792,000 votes, over 250,000 votes more than the Democrats' previous competitive gubernatorial contest.

Record turnout was probably an issue for Michigan's pollsters, too. More than 1.5 million people voted in that state's Democratic Senate primary, topping the prior high-water mark of about 1.2 million. Turnout nearly reached the record for a Democratic presidential primary in Michigan, 2020's 1.6 million. Most pollsters would be afraid to release a survey that assumed record-high turnout, even if their data suggested that might happen.

I encountered that while covering Hungary's recent national election. A leading pollster told me his data suggested record turnout, which favored his party, the opposition Tisza. But his public release adjusted the turnout level downward to meet the prior record, which correspondingly decreased the margin by which Tisza led. But he was right the first time. On election night, there was indeed a record turnout, and Tisza's winning margin was even a bit higher than what his unreleased data had predicted.

There's a clear lesson in all this: Always look under the hood. When reporting on polling results, analysts need to examine how the pollster weighted the survey and compare those with benchmarks used by others. They need to assess whether the assumptions embedded within those weights seem reasonable. And they need to look carefully at a survey's trend data to see whether a post-release shift in voter opinion is likely.

Analysts also need to read a poll in the light of well-known political phenomena. For example, a third-party candidate will almost always get between one-third and one-half fewer votes than suggested by any "final" pre-election survey that doesn't poll through the final weekend. That's because many partisans unhappy with their party's nominee reconsider casting a protest vote as the possibility that the other party might win becomes real. I used this technique in 2016 to predict Hillary Clinton's popular vote margin nearly exactly, even though almost all the final polls had her leading by three or more percentage points.

Analysts should also be wary of assumptions that self-professed voter enthusiasm is an accurate predictor of turnout. In 2012, for example, Gallup estimated that Black voters would turn out at a slightly lower rate than their then-record 2008 performance. That's not surprising given that polls found Romney supporters were much more enthusiastic about voting than Obama backers. Yet on Election Day, Black people voted at higher rates than White people for the first time, and even surpassed their rate from four years earlier.

So let the poll reader beware. Political polling, for all its faults, remains the best source of available information for assessing where a race stands at any point in time. Just treat it the way you would a house you were interested in buying: Have a look at that foundation before signing the deal.

GEORGE F. WILL

Rethinking the haphazard marijuana social experiment

Unfortunately, the structure of certain atoms makes nuclear weapons possible. Any list of other regrettable aspects of reality should include this: Certain molecules derived from plants interact in addictive ways with the human nervous system. So, Americans must continue rethinking policies regarding marijuana.

Justice Louis Brandeis's dictum that federalism enables each American state to be a "laboratory" of democracy is especially apt today. Many states have become laboratories in often haphazard social experiments regarding marijuana. Accumulating evidence is forcing some facile beliefs to evolve.

The Manhattan Institute's Charles Fain Lehman reports that 74 percent of Americans live in states that permit access to recreational and/or medical marijuana. And "more Americans consume marijuana every day than smoke cigarettes or drink alcohol every day."

Legalization, Lehman says, has meant drugs of reliable quality and increasing strength are conveniently available in stores that customers visit without risking stigma. Cigarettes' nicotine contents do not vary widely. But regular marijuana users, who drive commercial sales, demand ever-more-potent products.

Only two states cap permissible levels of THC (marijuana's intoxicating component). Jonathan P. Caulkins of Carnegie Mellon University, in a report on "alternatives to prohibitions," says: "The THC content of seized marijuana never exceeded 5% before 2000; but soon after legalization" the labeled potency of some products sold in state-licensed stores "routinely exceeded 20%," and other products are now supplemented by "extract-based products with THC content of 60% or even 90%."

Decriminalization of marijuana for customers, and/or legalization of suppliers, has produced a novel American moment. Two years ago, a clinical psychologist and neuroscientist told the New York Times: There is no U.S. precedent for a drug — a rapidly evolving one — concerning which doctors have said, "Go experiment and tell me what happens."

Marijuana has swiftly joined society's long-standing menu of familiar recreational drugs. A majority of American adults use, at least occasionally, a consumer good that is a sometimes addictive psychoactive drug: alcohol. This exercise of a private right that has been widely enjoyed for millennia is too embedded in most societies to extirpate, or even diminish, other than by cautionary health information.

In 2024, after six decades of intense public health warnings, 9.9 percent of adults (25.2 million) were still ingesting nicotine from cigarettes, which are almost universally known to be harmful when used as intended. Cigarettes and alcohol, and their social costs, are well known. Marijuana's are not.

Heavy marijuana use will be another of society's sorting variables, limiting the flourishing of imprudent users.

The New York Times in 2024 reported on harms done to constant marijuana users who assume the drug is nonaddictive and safe. Delusions, paranoia and other symptoms of psychosis, and severe vomiting, are among the potential effects of marijuana use disorder for a third of near-daily users, or about 6 million people, according to the Times. Especially susceptible are the estimated 8.4 million 18- to 25-year-olds, with still-developing brains, who use marijuana regularly.

The versatile economist Tyler Cowen, the intelligentsia's equivalent of a utility infielder, writes for the Free Press, "'Pot psychosis' is a common phenomenon, and an increasing body of evidence ties marijuana consumption to motor-vehicle crashes and poor workplace performance." In humanity's present and future, "reasonably high levels of self-discipline are needed to do well." So, heavy marijuana use will be another of society's sorting variables, limiting the flourishing of imprudent users.

Cowen says paternalistic government that tries to protect people from themselves "is far less workable than in times past" because government has less credibility, less control over information and less control over our lives. Nevertheless, doubts about marijuana's harmlessness are multiplying.

In 2024, voters in Florida and both Dakotas rejected legalization initiatives. This November, in Massachusetts, which legalized recreational marijuana in 2016, voters might end its legal sale. This initiative probably will fail, but it and interest in repeal elsewhere indicate that the permissive consensus is fraying as accumulating evidence provokes second thoughts.

As the eminent scholar of drug policy Mark Kleiman once said: Society can choose to have the problems of drug legalization or those of prohibition. But given those troublesome plant-derived molecules, society cannot choose not to have problems.

The nation, and certain states, have chosen to have the problems accompanying varying degrees of permissiveness. Society, however, is not as tidy and controllable as an actual laboratory, where disappointing experiments can be easily scrapped.

Drug policies will continue to evolve, generating evidence. Already, however, it is clear that various marijuana policies in different U.S. jurisdictions produce substantial collateral damages. All this illustrates a Brandeis warning: "There are no shortcuts in evolution."

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President Donald Trump tours the Ford's River Rouge complex in Dearborn, Michigan. For some sectors, tariffs may be helping, economists said. But job growth is sluggish, and other sectors are suffering.

American manufacturers are hiring again. Could tariffs be the reason?

BY LAUREN KAORI GURLEY

The American manufacturing sector has without a doubt been rebounding this year. Factories are hiring; production is rising. In July, manufacturing activity reached its highest level since 2022.

President Donald Trump credits his "massive tariffs" for the good news, declaring in a recent speech in Las Vegas that "manufacturing is exploding at the fastest pace in many years." This month, the White House trumpeted "an economic revival across our manufacturing industry."

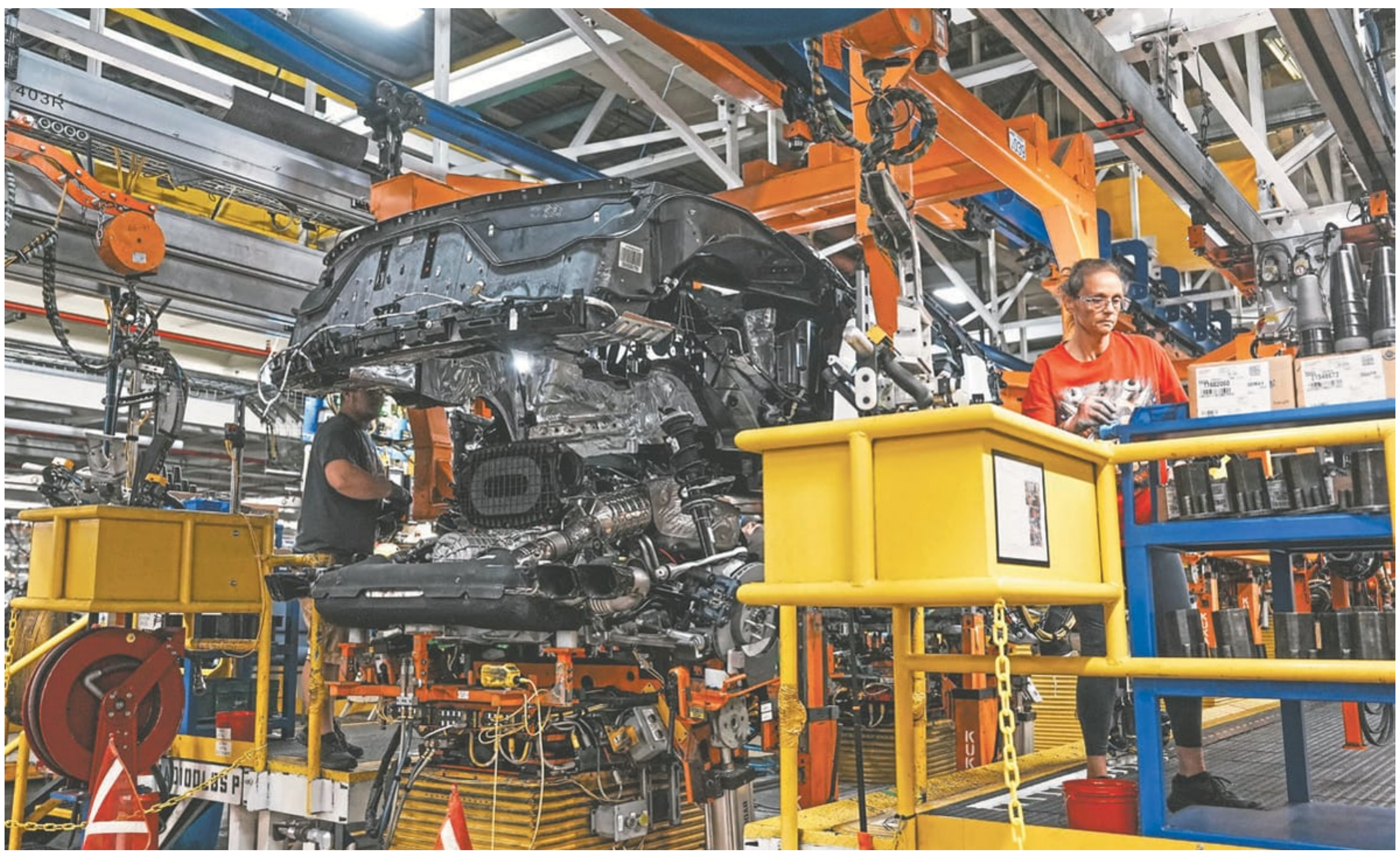
For some firms, Trump might be right. Much of the job growth has occurred in two sectors — metal products and cars and other transportation equipment — that are subject to tariff protection from foreign competition. "Tariffs can certainly help some sectors," said Max Dvorkin, an economic policy adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. "... And those are the ones in which we see modest expansion."

But what's happening is hardly the broad "golden age" Trump has promised. Despite the recent uptick in hiring — 29,000 jobs since January — manufacturing employment remains well below the post-pandemic peak it hit under President Joe Biden in 2023. Overall, the industry has lost about 62,000 jobs since Trump took office in January 2025. And the recent momentum is small in historical terms, economists and manufacturing experts said: At the current pace of growth, it would take nearly five years to get back to the Biden-era peak, according to a Washington Post analysis of Labor Department data.

"Maybe the manufacturing job market has improved," said Joseph Politano, an economic policy analyst who writes the Apricitas Economics newsletter. "But I think a better way to phrase that is that it's getting bad less quickly."

Meanwhile, the role of tariffs in spurring this growth is not especially clear. Other factors, like the boom in artificial intelligence and data center construction combined with the war in Iran and lower interest rates are probably bigger drivers of hiring, said Susan Houseman, an economist at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, a nonpartisan research organization in Kalamazoo, Michigan. "Industry employment is largely being driven by demand and macroeconomic conditions, not tariffs," she said.

What is clear is that tariffs have had a negative impact on other manufacturing sectors, especially certain factories that rely on imported goods, economists said. While metal and transportation equipment manufacturers have gained more than 41,000 jobs since January, manufacturers of food, furniture, and rubber and plastic products have shed more than 32,000 positions, Labor Department data show.



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Corvettes on the manufacturing line at the GM assembly plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

"If somebody says 'these tariffs created jobs in steel,' I would say that can be true. But that's obtuse to the point of misleading if you don't also point out that they cost all these jobs in the steel-consuming sectors," said Gary Winslett, associate professor of political science at Middlebury College. "Part of what I think the Trump administration is doing here is an awful lot of cherry-picking."

White House spokesman Kush Desai said this year's modest growth is a sign of things to come: "With trillions in manufacturing investments pouring in ... the Trump industrial resurgence is just beginning."

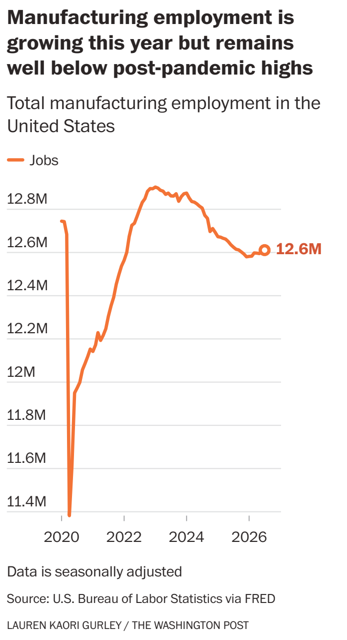
Desai said declines in manufacturing employment during Biden's final year in office were "a direct result of his left-wing, anti-growth agenda." This year's "rebounding manufacturing employment proves President Trump's pro-growth agenda has fully reversed this trend," he said.

However, even many tariff proponents say it is too soon to see a genuine resurgence in manufacturing jobs. The re-shoring of factories is a process that takes years not months, they say, as well as a stronger industrial policy than the Trump administration has so far implemented.

"The data is showing early signs of manufacturing stabilization," said Nick Iacovella, executive vice president of the Coalition for a Prosperous America, which advocates for tariffs and industrial policy, and has consulted with Trump administration trade officials. "But it takes time [and the right policies] for a company to build a factory. These don't pop up overnight."

Manufacturing employment is growing this year but remains well below post-pandemic highs

Total manufacturing employment in the United States



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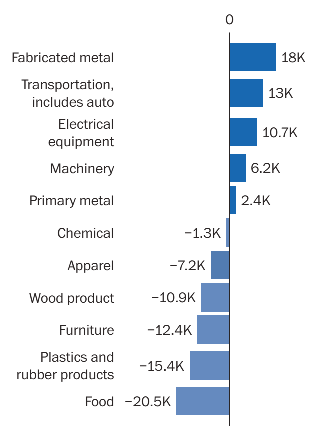
Some manufacturing subsectors are rebounding while others endure steady declines.

Change in manufacturing jobs between July 2025 and July 2026, by selected sub-industry



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Mainstream economists say American manufacturing employment is unlikely ever to reach its 1970s peak of 19.5 million jobs. The labor market has undergone a seismic shift toward service jobs, and American manufacturers have not surpassed 13 million jobs since the Great Recession. Today, the sector makes up about 7 percent of all U.S. jobs.

The manufacturing jobs engine revved up during the latter part of the coronavirus pandemic, when Americans sheltering at home spent big on televisions, exercise equipment and myriad other goods. That wave of growth later waned as Americans redirected spending toward experiences such as dining out, travel and entertainment — a decline that endured with Trump's return to the White House last year.

Determined to execute on his campaign promise that good-paying manufacturing jobs would come roaring back, Trump slapped tariffs on scores of countries on April 2, 2025 — a date he called "Liberation Day." The announcement tanked markets and rocked U.S. manufacturers who rely heavily on imported parts to make finished products such refrigerators and tractors.

In February, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Liberation Day tariffs, saying Trump had illegally used emergency powers to impose the duties. In response, Trump has turned to a variety of other laws to impose new tariffs, including levies on more than 80 countries that the administration said are importing goods produced using forced labor.

In the meantime, manufacturing employment started growing again in January, albeit at a sluggish pace.

One source of growth — and a likely beneficiary of tariffs — has been metal forgeries and metal fabricators. Aluminum, copper and steel and some fabricated products derived from them have been subject to import duties of up to 50 percent since last summer.

At Revere Copper, the country's first copper rolling mill founded in 1801, tariffs and the data center construction boom have begun to reverse decades of declines following the passage of free trade agreements that resulted in a shrinking workforce and plant closures, said Amy O'Shaughnessy, vice president of sales and marketing.

The company has hired about 100 workers between two plants in Upstate New York and North Carolina since 2023.

"Trump 2.0 kicked in tariffs that are just the best thing that could have happened," O'Shaughnessy said, adding that between tariffs and data centers, it's "allowed us to increase prices" and invest in the company's factories and workforce for the first time in three decades.

Some other manufacturers say they are paying higher prices for imported metal but that the new trade conditions have helped them expand their base of clients, allowing them to hire.

"In the last six or seven months, we've seen a great uptick in business," said Bill Jones, president of Penn United Technologies, a precision tools manufacturer near Pittsburgh that supplies such industries as auto and nuclear energy.

Jones said his business lost hundreds of jobs to factories in China after the trade deals of the 1990s. The 700-employee company, Jones said, has hired about 50 employees and added dozens of job postings since Trump retook the White House.

"Our customers are launching new products, and they're buying from us," Jones said, "not taking it halfway around the world."

Another sector that has added jobs is transportation manufacturing, which includes cars and car parts, buses, heavy-duty trucks and airplanes. That sector may also have been buoyed by Trump's auto sector tariffs, economists said.

"It's somewhere between possible and likely," said Susan Helper, an economist at Case Western Reserve University who also served as the chief Commerce Department economist in the Obama administration. "If import prices go up, there's some substitution of foreign production for domestic production."

A third sector with job gains is electrical parts manufacturing, which includes wires, batteries and generators used in data centers. There, the AI boom is largely responsible for increased demand and job growth, economists said, and the role of tariffs is less clear.

Other firms have seen the down side of metal tariffs. Independent Can, a producer of tin cans near Baltimore, has raised prices by about 12 to 15 percent as the cost of imported steel, the primary component of tin cans, has surged, said Rick Huether, the company's CEO. Domestically produced tin plate has quality and delivery issues, making it difficult to rely on U.S. producers, he said.

"It has definitely affected our business," said Huether, who employs around 400 workers in factories in Maryland and Ohio and said he is trying to avoid layoffs.

Austin Ramirez, president of Husco, which manufactures hydraulic and electromechanical components of cars and construction equipment in Waukesha, Wisconsin, said tariffs have raised the price he has to pay for imported parts.

But tariffs have done little to shift his purchases to domestic suppliers, as the president hopes. Instead, Ramirez said he has mostly turned to Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe, where levies are lower.

"Most parts either aren't made here or they're just so much more expensive that it still makes more sense for me to pay a large tariff," Ramirez said. "It's been a major, major headache."

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Kristen Stewart, left, and Alia Shawkat play pot-smoking roommates in "The Wrong Girls," a comedy caper with a confidently stupid plot.

Stoner comedy is a glorious hit

'The Wrong Girls' has just the right stuff

BY **AMY NICHOLSON**
Los Angeles Times

"The Wrong Girls" is the right comedy if you want to unplug your brain and laugh. The first punch line doesn't even have words. It's just two stoner roommates, Frankie (Kristen Stewart) and Molly (Alia Shawkat), ripping a megahit and coughing at each other. Finally, they speak in unison: "Jinx."

Frankie, a Stanford dropout, engineered the living room's impressive "bong-a-tron." Molly, a wannabe chef, bakes brownies spiked with pot and blue cheese. (We're assured they're delicious.) These screwups share everything: a taste in thrift store cat paintings, a chillaxed attitude toward overdue bills and a comfy inertia that's kept them both stunted, frustrating Molly's boyfriend, Josh (a likable Zack Fox). In turn, possessive Frankie thinks Josh is a buzzkill.

Soon, the insular twosome will share a mind, too, thanks to a telepathic drug they ingest like idiots, not that they have any gray matter to spare. That's not entirely fair. The friends aren't dumb; they've just been baked for so long that acting dumb is a habit. (Don't worry, writer-director Dylan Meyer won't force them to sober up.)

The plot is confidently stupid. A criminal courier (LaKeith Stanfield) mistakes Frankie for her more successful doppelgän-

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In guest gig, O'Donnell takes jabs at [redacted]

Comedian didn't drop Trump's name during 'Jimmy Kimmel Live!'

BY **ELAHE IZADI**

When Rosie O'Donnell took the stage Monday for her first night guest-hosting "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," many expected her to roast one person in particular during her monologue: President Donald Trump.

But she didn't even say his name.

O'Donnell, an unrelenting liberal critic of Trump who moved to Ireland after his reelection, returns to American television this week to host the show that has most attracted Trump's ire.

That ire has also been directed at O'Donnell since the 2000s. Since then, the president has ruthlessly mocked O'Donnell's appearance and, more recently, called for her citizenship to be revoked.

But on Monday night, O'Donnell devoted most of her monologue to joking about her new life and community in Ireland, where she retreated out of worry over Trump administration policies that would impact her nonbinary and autistic child, Clay.

She referred to Trump once as "Mango Mussolini," and then told the story of Clay breaking the news about their move to classmates in America: "I'm being forced to move to another country because the president hates my mother. But in all fairness, I believe my mother hates him more."

Then O'Donnell smiled right into the camera. "Hi," she said with a little wave, "I know you're watching." She concluded her lengthy set by telling the audience, "You know he's in the White House crying because I haven't mentioned him."

This dynamic between O'Donnell and Trump in part may have led to her guest-hosting stint on Jimmy Kimmel's program.

Kimmel usually taps guest hosts to take over during his summer break, and when he announced this summer's slate, he said in a statement that "as a special treat for our commander in chief, I asked one of his all-time favorites, Rosie O'Donnell, to be here to keep the hits coming."

Kimmel's lampooning and commentary about the president and conservatives have made him the target of government pressure.

The Federal Communications Commission ordered an early review of local ABC licenses held by Disney, just after the president and first lady Melania Trump sharply critiqued a sketch Kimmel aired, and months after FCC chair Brendan Carr threatened ABC's licenses in light of a joke Kimmel told about Charlie Kirk, saying "we can do this the easy

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Panettiere's former partner called 911, showed police medication, report says

Preliminary investigation shows no signs of foul play in actress's death

BY **AOIFE WALSH**
AND **VICTORIA CRAW**

The man Hayden Panettiere described in her memoir as her former partner and abuser, Brian Hickerson, was with her in the apartment where she died Sunday, according to a police report, and it was he and his brother who called 911.

The incident report from Greenville, South Carolina, police is heavily redacted but sheds new light on the circumstances surrounding the death of the 36-year-old actor best known for roles in "Heroes" and "Nashville."

Authorities have not released a cause of death but said a preliminary investigation showed no signs of trauma or foul play. Hickerson has not been accused of being involved in Panettiere's death. The former child actor was in cardiac arrest before she died, according to the Greenville County Coroner's office.

Tuesday's report details how an officer arrived at the apartment in Greenville following a request from first responders, who had been working to save Panettiere's life for an "extended period of time."

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Hayden Panettiere at the New York premiere of "Scream VI" in 2023. She died Sunday at her home in Greenville, South Carolina.

Brian Hickerson and his brother, Zach, told police they had called 911. Brian Hickerson showed police medication Panettiere had been taking and became "very emotional" after she was declared dead, the report stated.

Panettiere dated Hickerson from 2018 to 2022 in a tumultuous relationship that resulted in her obtaining a protective order against him. Los Angeles County records show he pleaded no contest to two counts of domestic violence in April 2021 and was sentenced to four years' probation, including the requirement to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and anger management sessions.

An attorney for Hickerson did not immediately respond to a request for comment early Wednesday.

Panettiere described their relationship as physically abusive in her memoir, "This Is Me: A Reckoning," which came out in May. After its release, Hickerson said it was important for people, especially abusers, to read it.

Speaking to TMZ around the time of the book's release, Hickerson said the pair now had "mutual respect" for each other. "She'll always hold a special place in my

SEE **PANETTIERE** ON **B2**

Zany comedy 'The Wrong Girls' plays to Kristen Stewart's acting strengths

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ger Francis (also played by Stewart), saddling her with a briefcase that a trio of dangerous Danes are determined to steal back. Thus, our heroes must peel themselves off from the couch and go on the run with their resentful felines Dio and GG bouncing along in backpacks.

Voiced by Seth Rogen and Kumail Nanjiani, the pets have opinions their owners don't want to hear. "I'm pretty sure they're the ones who gave us fleas," GG sneers. I like those comics and live with two annoying Maine coons. Nevertheless, these cats are too chatty.

Meyer is a screenwriter turned filmmaker who met Stewart on the set of the underseen 2015 comic thriller "American Ultra." In the years since, she has also become Stewart's wife. That's important only because "Wrong Girls" has the pinpoint silliness of soulmates who spend a lot of time goofing around at home. Meyer wrote the script a decade ago about her friendship with producer Maggie McLean, but no doubt she knows better than anyone how much the smart and sensible-projecting Stewart delights in acting the fool.

The jokes are as flawlessly tailored to Stewart as Chanel couture, be they zany schemes, spacey freak-outs or the sly middle finger Stewart flashes with her 818-tattooed knuckles while her character suffers a jerk (Tony Hale). And they custom-fit Shawkat's mellower Molly, who trots behind in Frankie's wake of destruction. The sci-fi twist in the script turns their relationship into a send-up of codependence. Their insular bond can't last forever — can it?

Meyer subverts a couple of tropes, embraces others. Comedy capers like this usually deflate in the third act when their pleasures get punctured by unfunny gunfire. The movie sees that trap coming and dodges it by the skin of its teeth. Nimbly, it manages to be both a pacifist film and a subversive one with no faith in the system as it stands. Characters deliver jabs at "Jeff Bozos" and the Epstein class while slyly revealing you shouldn't trust their takes, either. Frankie invents a new nonsensical insult, calling Molly's boyfriend Josh "such a customer." Sure, whatever that means!

"The Wrong Girls" shares its own hive mind with David Wain's also-good "Gail Daughtry and the Celebrity Sex Pass," released earlier this summer. Both are star-studded, hyper-L.A. chase comedies that treat their central contrivances as nothing more than scaffolding for the scenes that actually count. Who cares what happens to the Danes' precious briefcase? We just want to see Frankie and Molly melt down upon learning that their favorite all-you-can-eat lunch spot is closing due to uncertainty in the buffet sector.

Even within the tenuous reality of the movie, Frankie and Molly aren't focused on saving their own necks, especially after their clairvoyant powers kick in and the friends realize they can communicate with closed mouths.

As lab-coated figures played by Kate McKinnon and Geena Davis attempt to deliver exposition, the pals drown them out chitchatting about drivel. The stars know it takes skill to act dumb. Christina Applegate described it best: About her portrayal of hair metal bimbo Kelly Bundy in "Married ... With Children," Applegate said, "In her own mind, she's a genius."

The film is just wonky enough to wonder whether some beats got chopped out of it, like a go-nowhere running joke about how Hale's front door won't close or an aside about how Stewart's Frankie once jury-rigged an escape parachute, which cinematographer Todd Banhazl seems to be reminding us of when he lingers on a shot of an awkward shindig's helium decor. Banhazl does pull off one of the few inventive psychedelic sequences I've seen in a while. (To see another, go stream the giddy campus comedy "Pizza Movie.")

Or maybe "The Wrong Girls" is simply making an artistic statement about the joy of sloppiness. Here, to be chaotic and colorful is a badge of honor. Just compare the girls' cluttered digs with their pursuers' sterile white suits. In that same spirit of excess, there's an extra scene in the end credits that goes over like a lead balloon. No one in my theater chuckled. But I respected it anyway for insisting on these jokers' right to remain an unapologetic mess.

R. At area theaters. Contains drug use and coarse language throughout, some sexual references and graphic nudity. 99 minutes.

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LaKeith Stanfield, left,plays a criminal courier in "The Wrong Girls," which also stars Kate McKinnon.

From left, Thor Knai, Thomas La Barbera Christensen and Thomas Nicholson as Danish operatives.

The jokes in "The Wrong Girls" are as flawlessly tailored to Kristen Stewart as Chanel couture, be they zany schemes or spacey freak-outs.

Klitschko expresses 'shock and grief'

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heart, and, you know, I hope the same for her. ... We're just good buddies," he said, adding that had been attending Alcoholics Anonymous and therapy.

Asked whether he could see the former couple rekindling their romance, Hickerson said they "probably wouldn't be good together" but praised her as one of the "most talented people I've ever met in my life."

The book also detailed her life in the spotlight, her struggle with substance abuse and her experience with postpartum depression after the birth of her daughter, Kaya, with Wladimir Klitschko in 2014.

Klitschko, a Ukrainian heavyweight fighter, and Panettiere were in an on-and-off relationship from 2009 to 2018.

Panettiere granted Klitschko full-time custody of their daughter in Ukraine in 2018, when Kaya was 2. The actor has said she was struggling with addiction at the time.

In a statement on Tuesday, Klitschko said his family was "going through a time of profound shock and grief."

"The announcement of Hayden's tragic death saddens me deeply. She left this world far too soon," he wrote on Instagram.

"She built an incredible career through immense talent, while also facing the darker sides of a very demanding industry. Nothing will erase the times we shared or the place she had in our lives."

Reader's intolerance of the prejudices of friends leads to social isolation

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: I have never had patience for prejudice. I grew up in a household where it simply wasn't practiced, and it wasn't until I went to college in the 1980s that I realized some people harbor dislike for others without reason. To this day, I still don't truly understand it.

I am quick to distance myself from anyone who openly practices prejudice. As a result, my social circle is extremely small.

Now that I am 61 and retired, I find myself with very few friends. I have frequently "ghosted" long-term acquaintances for using derogatory language, as I feel they aren't worth the time it takes to provide an explanation.

How does one navigate these waters?

— *One Close Friend*

Friend: While it isn't your job to correct people's behavior, as a friend you have the opportunity to let these people know that what they're saying isn't right and you expect more from them. If no one ever says anything to them, their prejudiced thinking could go unchallenged, and they may never afford themselves the opportunity to widen their perspective.

Now, you write that you feel these acquaintances aren't worth the time to provide an explanation. So, could it be that the foundation of the relationship was shaky to begin with? If you don't see them as people who merit discussion, maybe you and they weren't well-matched to begin with.

You might look at how you're meeting people and ask yourself if there are ways of connecting and building relationships with people whose worldview more closely aligns with your own. You could volunteer for a cause in which you believe or join a club that focuses on one of your interests and see if friendship blooms from there.

Sometimes finding our people takes a little bit of detective work. Think about what you want your social circle to look like and what kind of people you'd like to be in regular contact with and seek them out.

Dear Eric: A close friend of 45 years has been married to an alcoholic for more than 20 years. She lives in a different state. After he lost his job and spent his days at home drinking, she stopped working so she could "watch him and keep things under control." He has never acknowledged his alcoholism or sought help.

He has serious health problems that doctors attribute to alcohol abuse, and he has been hospitalized several times. She no longer travels with him because he embarrasses her, and she is afraid to leave him alone for any length of time.

My friend is financially secure, has no children, and is estranged from her family, likely in part because of him. Over the years, I have encouraged her to seek help, consult a lawyer, and make an exit plan for herself or for him.

Recently, she told me she spoke to a lawyer and was unwilling to give up the comfortable lifestyle she had grown used to because she would have to give him half of everything. Yet I know she lives very frugally and has told me about her substantial assets, including money her father left her that her husband cannot access.

Exasperated, I finally asked her, "Are you really saying your lifestyle matters more than your sanity in the years you have left?" She hung up on me.

Recently she texted me, acting as if nothing happened. What do you advise?

— *Reconnected*

Friend: Sometimes when people struggle with alcohol dependency, they believe that they are beyond help or there's nothing that can fix their problems. This is not true. Similarly, sometimes people who are in unhealthy or even codependent relationships with people who have alcoholism believe that there is no solution and they just have to stick it out. This is also not true.

Your friend would greatly benefit from going to an Al-Anon meeting or a meeting of SMART Recovery Family; please encourage her to look into it. You might even volunteer to go with her to a virtual meeting. She is not at fault for her husband's drinking, of course, but her thinking is part of what's keeping her captive, and it doesn't have to be this way.

Her text suggests that she's looking for support, even if she's not able to accept it in the way you want her to. Instead of relitigating the discussion about her lifestyle, you might be better served by laying out the facts to her: "You say you're unhappy; his behavior is dangerous; I'm concerned. I'm not going to give you an ultimatum, but I think you know that something has to change. Would you accept my help in finding a path forward?" One possible path might look like talking to a financial adviser or another attorney to make a better plan.

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Looking away from a friend who is making a scene

Miss Manners

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Dear Miss Manners: I was in a store where an acquaintance of mine was making a scene, demanding a product that the store does not supply. She stormed out after a barrage of loud, foul language. As she left, she must have noticed me, but I was looking purposefully away.

This type of circumstance, while not the norm, certainly does arise. Is it correct to greet someone when they have just made a big, embarrassing scene? Or perhaps it is more delicate to let them exit the situation anonymously?

As you were not the one who misbehaved, there is no etiquette rule preventing you from greeting your friend with a cheerful smile. But Miss Manners does feel that your solution is both more tactful and less exhausting, as you were then spared the explanation that would no doubt have followed about why she thought her rude behavior was justified by the part you did not see.

Dear Miss Manners: Many restaurants pack in as many tables as possible. I am wondering what one is supposed to do when one has to leave the table for a few minutes.

It seems that the options are to face the diners at the table next to one as one squeezes through the gap, which intrudes on their meal and privacy, or to have one's backside brushing by their food and drinks as one leaves, which also seems rude.

There is no single rule that Miss Manners can provide for such cases, though she can expand on what to watch out for.

Maneuvering in tight spaces requires careful judgment of each individual case — and not just about which body part is least likely to cause offense when brought into close proximity to a fellow diner. You also want to give thought to what might happen if the person you are passing reacts in an unanticipated way.

When there is no obvious solution, you will have to say "excuse me" and wait for them to make room — and do so in a way that does not lead a reasonable person to think you are implying that the tight spacing is their fault.

Dear Miss Manners: A tenured colleague (I work in education) routinely solicits the faculty to contribute to group gifts. This colleague sends the requests not only to those of us with tenure, but also to subordinates who lack tenure and whose jobs are dependent on the approval of tenured faculty members (including the solicitor).

My colleague's email solicitation "suggests" the amount to be contributed ($50 for a gift, for example) and directs that contributions are not to be made anonymously, as he wants to be able to confirm everyone's contribution.

Those of us with tenure can safely ignore the requests or simply make anonymous contributions, but those without job protection do not share that luxury. Is there a way around this conundrum?

Yes: Gather together the other tenured faculty to tell your colleague that this has to stop, as it is wrong to dun junior colleagues in this way. Say that if he does not desist, you will be taking it up with HR.

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'I know you're watching,' Rosie O'Donnell said

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way or we can do this the hard way."

The FCC said the review was due to "unlawful discrimination" related to the company's diversity efforts. Disney argued it wasn't about regulatory matters, but because Trump dislikes the network's coverage. On Tuesday, ABC sued the FCC, alleging the review was a violation of the First Amendment.

O'Donnell's return to TV is also a full-circle moment for her. The seasoned talk show host had her own highly rated syndicated daytime program — "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" — between 1996 and 2002.

She followed that up with highly rated hosting stints on ABC's "The View," where she sparred with more conservative co-hosts. In one memorable moment in 2006, she went after Trump, his marital history and his business dealings.

Trump's continued fixation on O'Donnell has, in part, helped her become "refamous" at 64, as she's jokingly put it in numerous recent interviews. In addition to filling in for Kimmel, she has an off-Broadway run this summer of her one-woman show, "Common Knowledge." There's also chatter about whether she'd make an appearance on "The View" during its 30th season.

O'Donnell also revealed in a recent interview with Variety that Kimmel's invitation came as a surprise, in part because she's never been a guest on his show and they've never actually spoken, just texted.

She said they previously had what she described as an "adversarial relationship." Kimmel was "never a fan of mine," O'Donnell said, and she considered him "one of the bro guys." She may have been nodding to Kimmel's "Man Show" hosting days, when he and co-host Adam Carolla went after O'Donnell with nasty comments.

O'Donnell said radio host Howard Stern tried to broker peace between them, and she later reached out to Kimmel after the death of his uncle, a former NYPD officer who frequently appeared on his show.

O'Donnell will host through Thursday, in episodes featuring guests Jean Smart, Richard Gadd, Charlie Day, Janelle James, Megan Mullally, Nick Offerman and others.

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Rosie O'Donnell devoted most of her late-night monologue on Monday to joking about her new life and community in Ireland.

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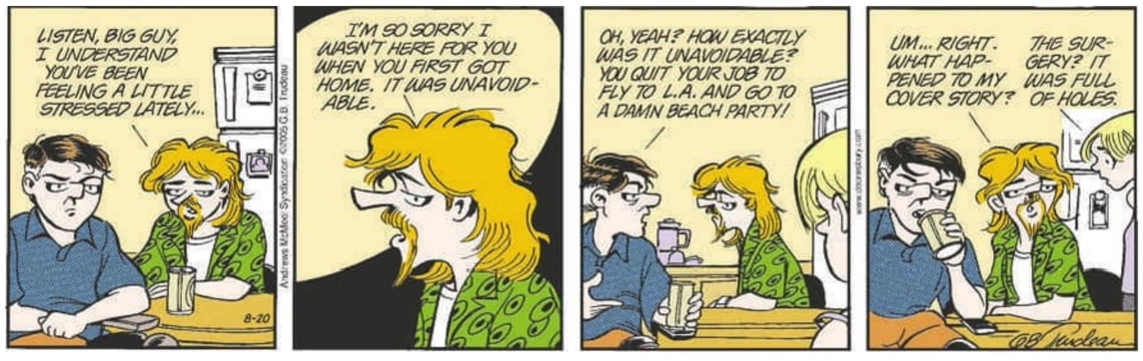
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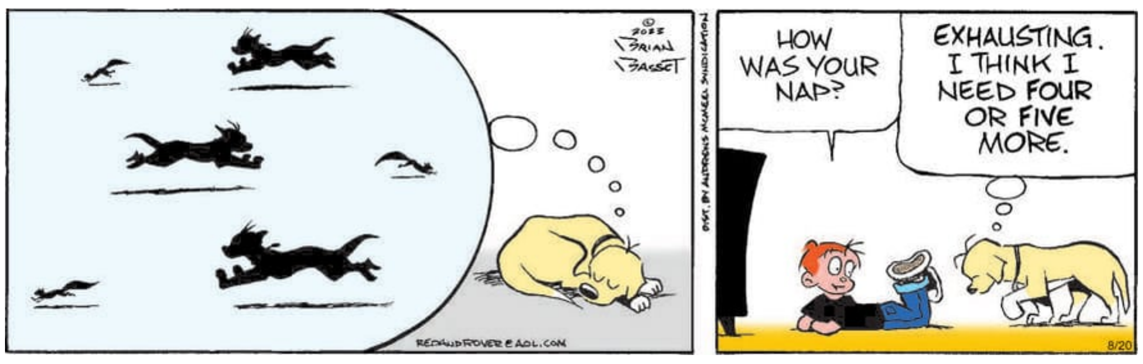
HOW WAS YOUR NAP?
EXHAUSTING. I THINK I NEED FOUR OR FIVE MORE.
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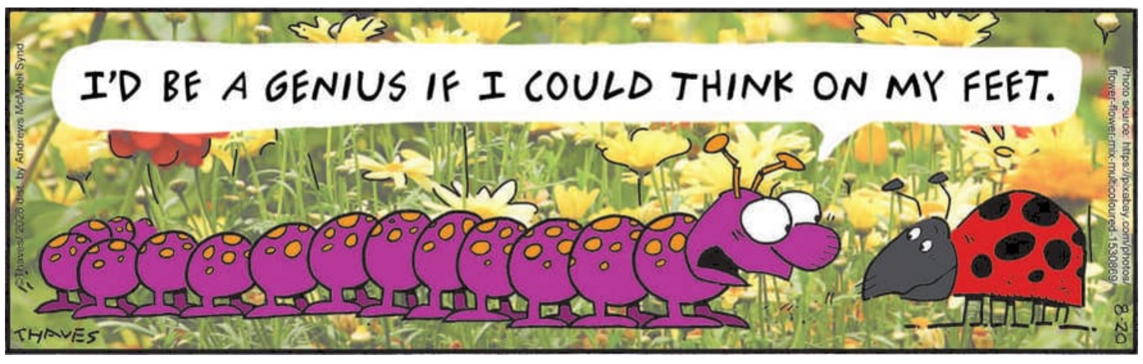
FRANK AND ERNEST

TOM THAVES


I'D BE A GENIUS IF I COULD THINK ON MY FEET.
THAVES
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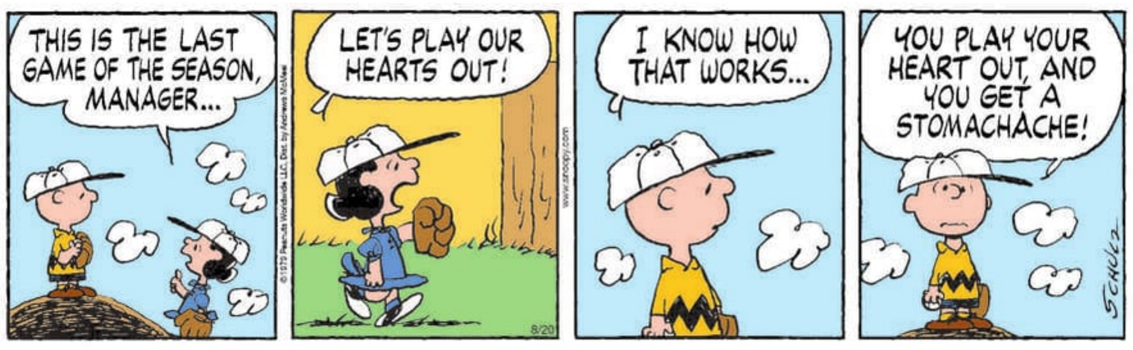
CLASSIC PEANUTS

CHARLES SCHULZ


THIS IS THE LAST GAME OF THE SEASON, MANAGER...
LET'S PLAY OUR HEARTS OUT!
I KNOW HOW THAT WORKS...
YOU PLAY YOUR HEART OUT, AND YOU GET A STOMACHACHE!
SCHULZ
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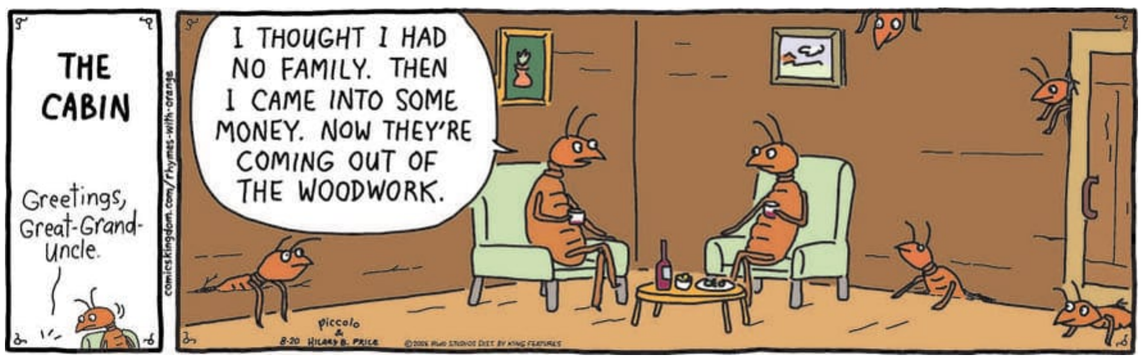
RHYMES WITH ORANGE

HILARY PRICE


THE CABIN
Greetings, Great-Grand-Uncle.
I THOUGHT I HAD NO FAMILY. THEN I CAME INTO SOME MONEY. NOW THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK.
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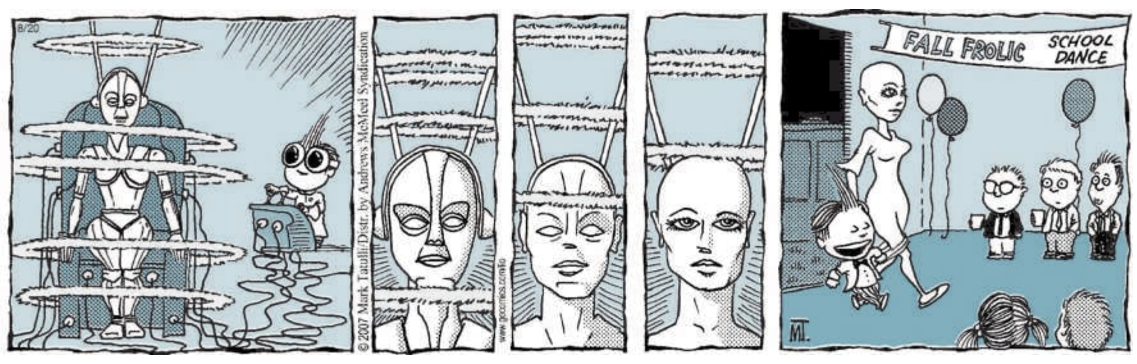
MARK TATULLI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FALL FROLIC
SCHOOL DANCE
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

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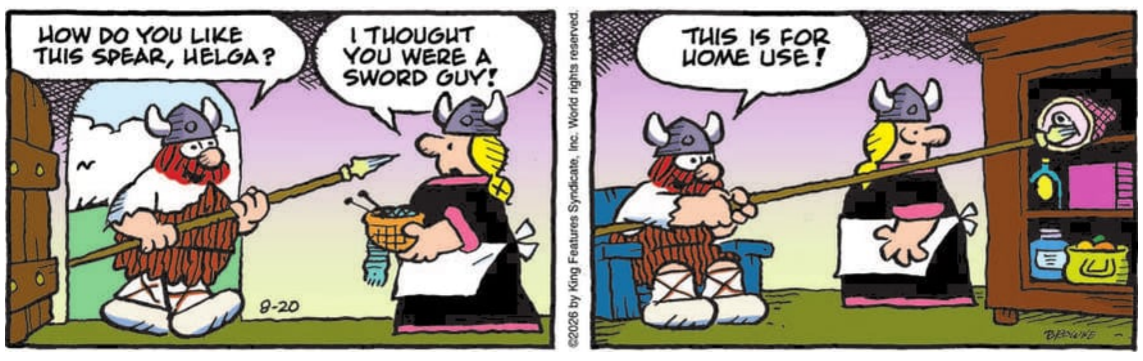
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS SPEAR, HELGA?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SWORD GUY!
THIS IS FOR HOME USE!
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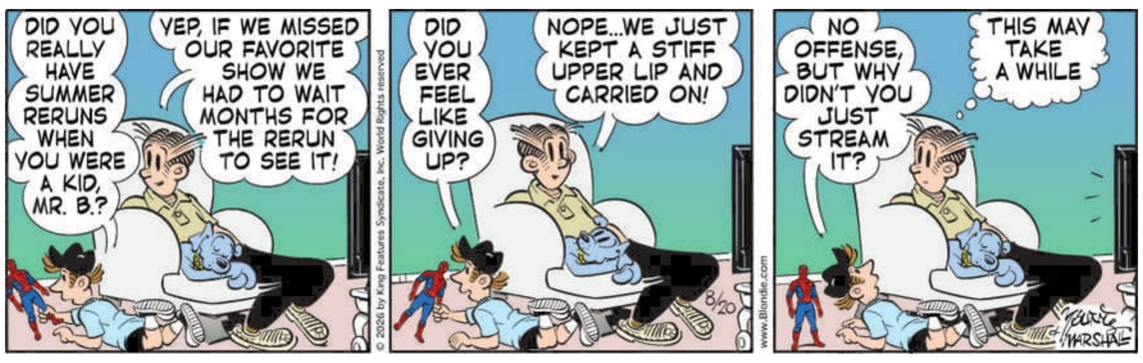
BLONDIE

DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL


DID YOU REALLY HAVE SUMMER RERUNS WHEN YOU WERE A KID, MR. B.?
YEP, IF WE MISSED OUR FAVORITE SHOW WE HAD TO WAIT MONTHS FOR THE RERUN TO SEE IT!
DID YOU EVER FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?
NOPE...WE JUST KEPT A STIFF UPPER LIP AND CARRIED ON!
NO OFFENSE, BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST STREAM IT?
THIS MAY TAKE A WHILE
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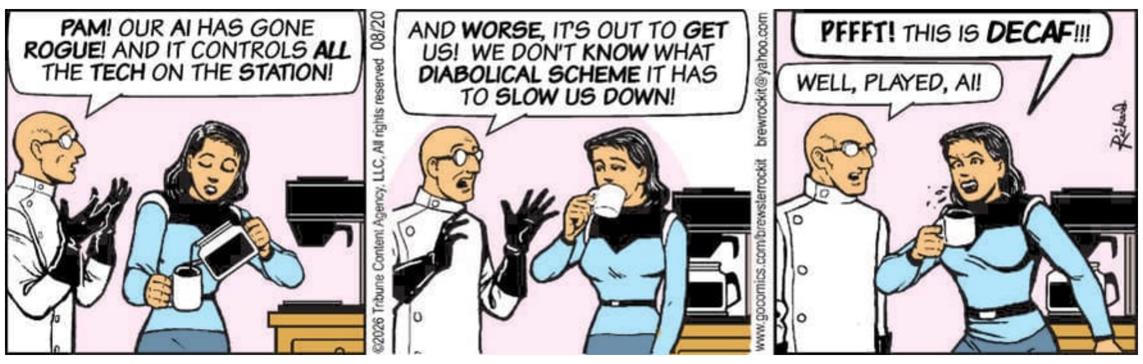
BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

TIM RICKARD


PAM! OUR AI HAS GONE ROGUE! AND IT CONTROLS ALL THE TECH ON THE STATION!
AND WORSE, IT'S OUT TO GET US! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT DIABOLICAL SCHEME IT HAS TO SLOW US DOWN!
PFFFT! THIS IS DECAF!!!
WELL, PLAYED, AI!
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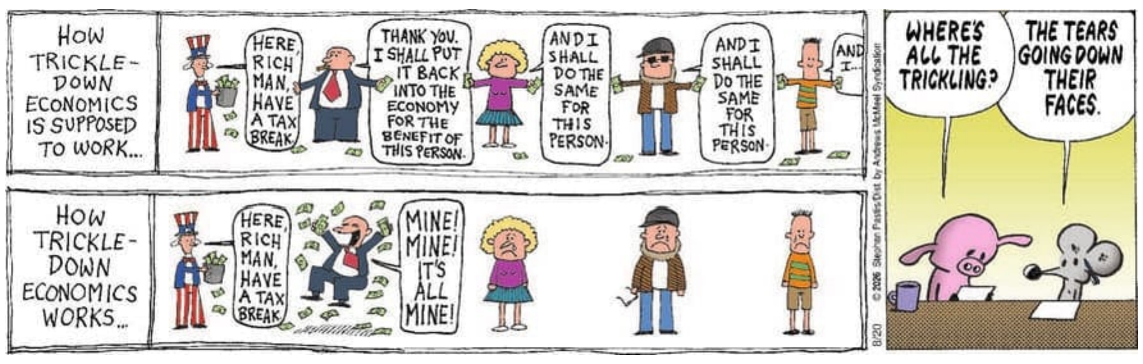
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

STEPHAN PASTIS


HOW TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK...
HERE, RICH MAN, HAVE A TAX BREAK.
THANK YOU. I SHALL PUT IT BACK INTO THE ECONOMY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS PERSON.
AND I SHALL DO THE SAME FOR THIS PERSON.
AND I SHALL DO THE SAME FOR THIS PERSON.
AND I...
HOW TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS WORKS...
HERE, RICH MAN, HAVE A TAX BREAK.
MINE! MINE! IT'S ALL MINE!
WHERE'S ALL THE TRICKLING?
THE TEARS GOING DOWN THEIR FACES.
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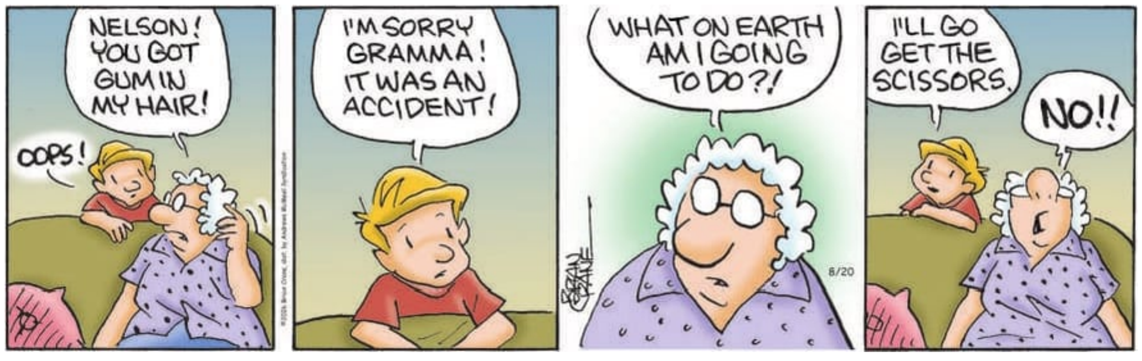
PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE


NELSON! YOU GOT GUM IN MY HAIR!
OOPS!
I'M SORRY GRAMMA! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
WHAT ON EARTH AM I GOING TO DO?!
I'LL GO GET THE SCISSORS.
NO!!
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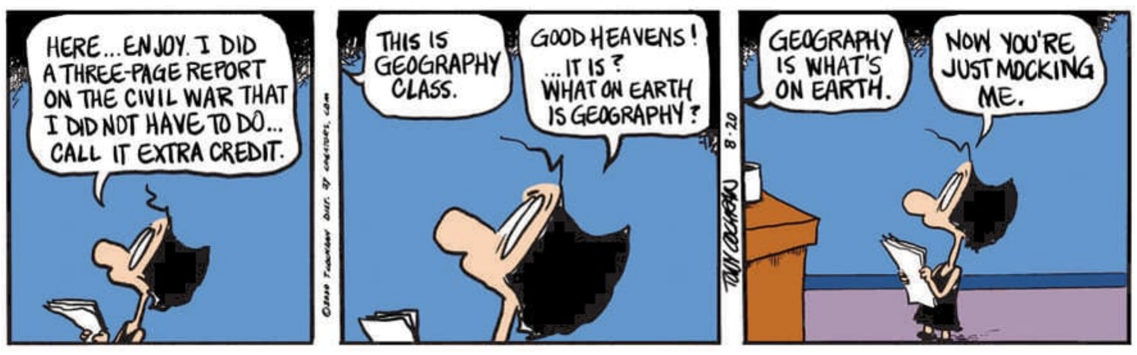
AGNES

TONY COCHRAN


HERE...ENJOY. I DID A THREE-PAGE REPORT ON THE CIVIL WAR THAT I DID NOT HAVE TO DO... CALL IT EXTRA CREDIT.
THIS IS GEOGRAPHY CLASS.
GOOD HEAVENS! ...IT IS? WHAT ON EARTH IS GEOGRAPHY?
GEOGRAPHY IS WHAT'S ON EARTH.
NOW YOU'RE JUST MOCKING ME.
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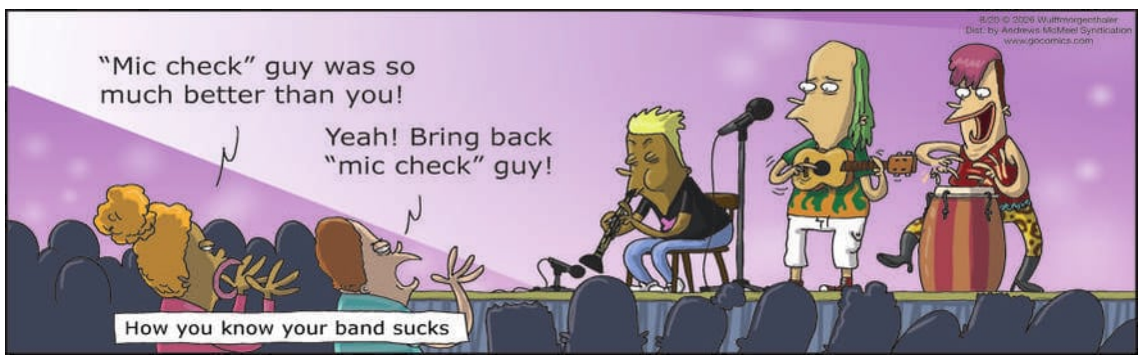
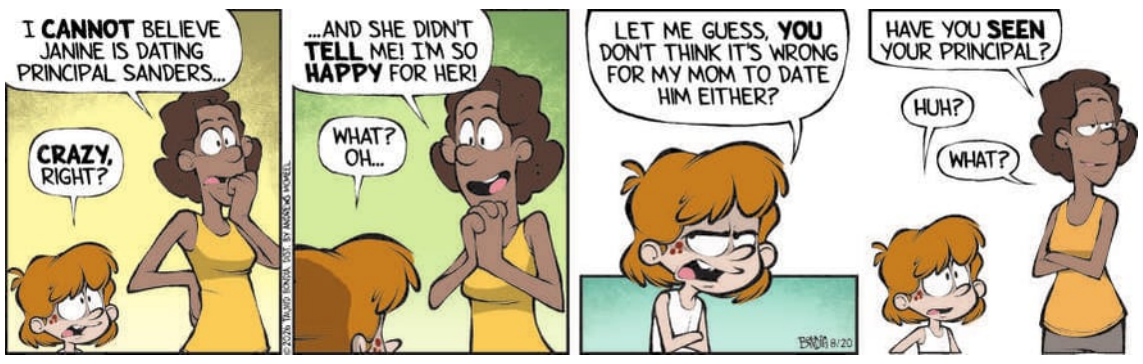
WUMO

MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALER


"Mic check" guy was so much better than you!
Yeah! Bring back "mic check" guy!
How you know your band sucks

CRABGRASS

TAUHID BONDIA


I CANNOT BELIEVE JANINE IS DATING PRINCIPAL SANDERS...
CRAZY, RIGHT?
...AND SHE DIDN'T TELL ME! I'M SO HAPPY FOR HER!
WHAT? OH...
LET ME GUESS, YOU DON'T THINK IT'S WRONG FOR MY MOM TO DATE HIM EITHER?
HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR PRINCIPAL?
HUH?
WHAT?
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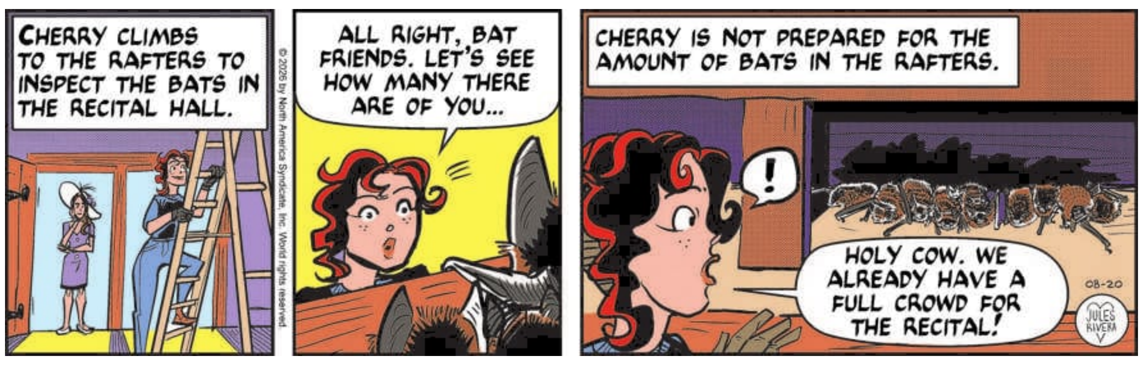
MARK TRAIL

JULES RIVERA


CHERRY CLIMBS TO THE RAFTERS TO INSPECT THE BATS IN THE RECITAL HALL.
ALL RIGHT, BAT FRIENDS. LET'S SEE HOW MANY THERE ARE OF YOU...
CHERRY IS NOT PREPARED FOR THE AMOUNT OF BATS IN THE RAFTERS.
!
HOLY COW. WE ALREADY HAVE A FULL CROWD FOR THE RECITAL!
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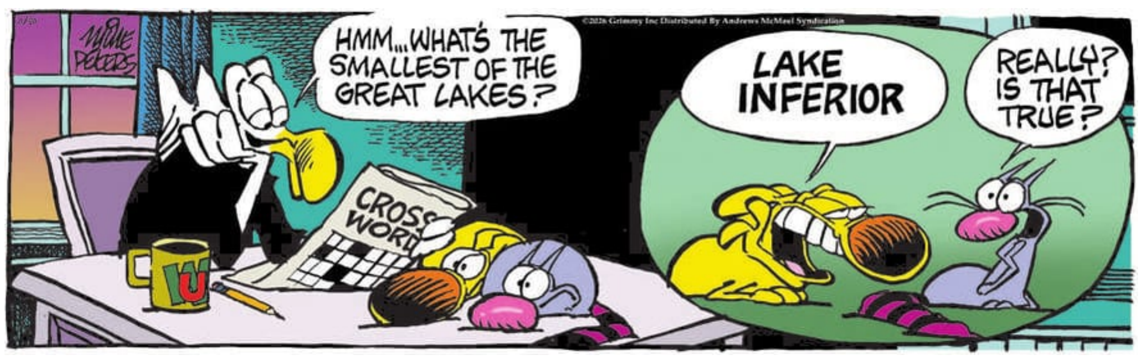
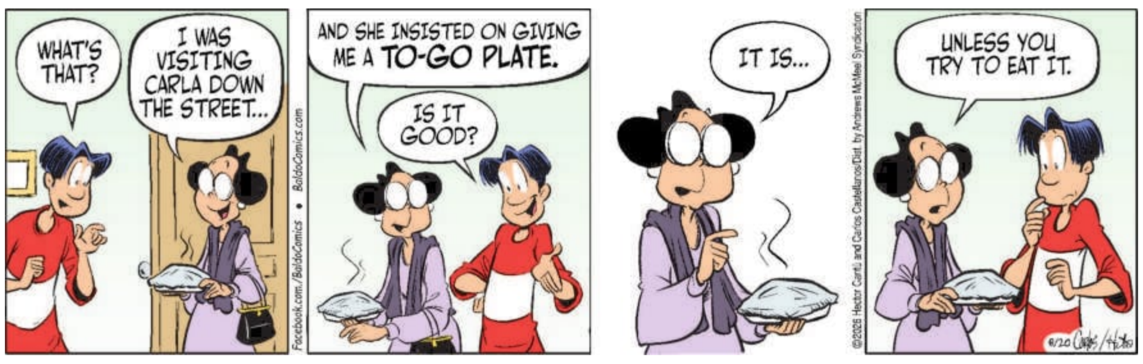
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MIKE PETERS


HMM...WHAT'S THE SMALLEST OF THE GREAT LAKES?
LAKE INFERIOR
REALLY? IS THAT TRUE?
CROSSWORD

BALDO

HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS


WHAT'S THAT?
I WAS VISITING CARLA DOWN THE STREET...
AND SHE INSISTED ON GIVING ME A TO-GO PLATE.
IS IT GOOD?
IT IS...
UNLESS YOU TRY TO EAT IT.
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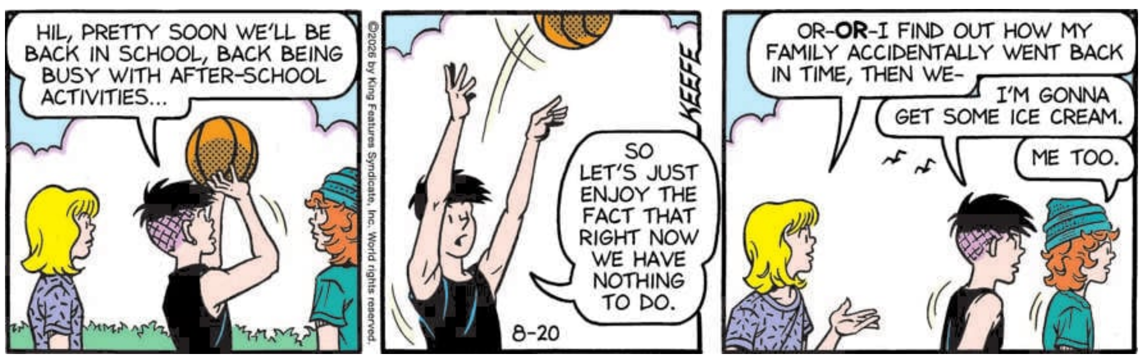
SALLY FORTH

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE


HIL, PRETTY SOON WE'LL BE BACK IN SCHOOL, BACK BEING BUSY WITH AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES...
SO LET'S JUST ENJOY THE FACT THAT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO.
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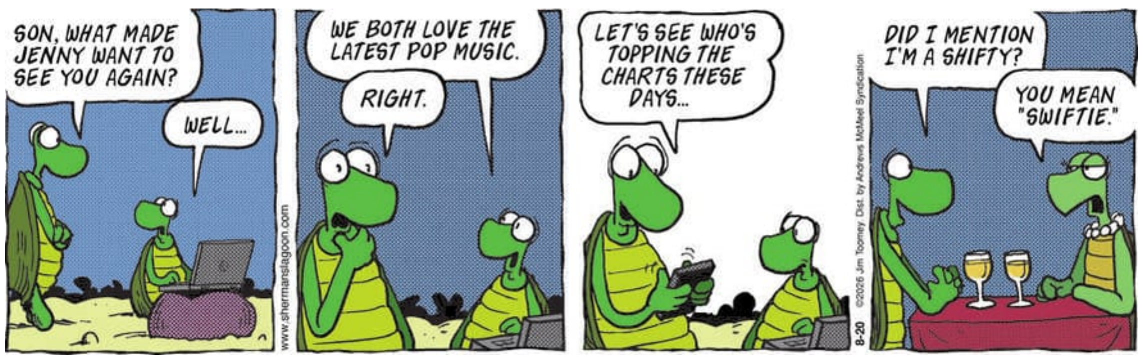
OR-OR-I FIND OUT HOW MY FAMILY ACCIDENTALLY WENT BACK IN TIME, THEN WE-
I'M GONNA GET SOME ICE CREAM.
ME TOO.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

JIM TOOMEY


SON, WHAT MADE JENNY WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN?
WELL...
WE BOTH LOVE THE LATEST POP MUSIC.
RIGHT.
LET'S SEE WHO'S TOPPING THE CHARTS THESE DAYS...
DID I MENTION I'M A SHIFTY?
YOU MEAN "SWIFTIE."
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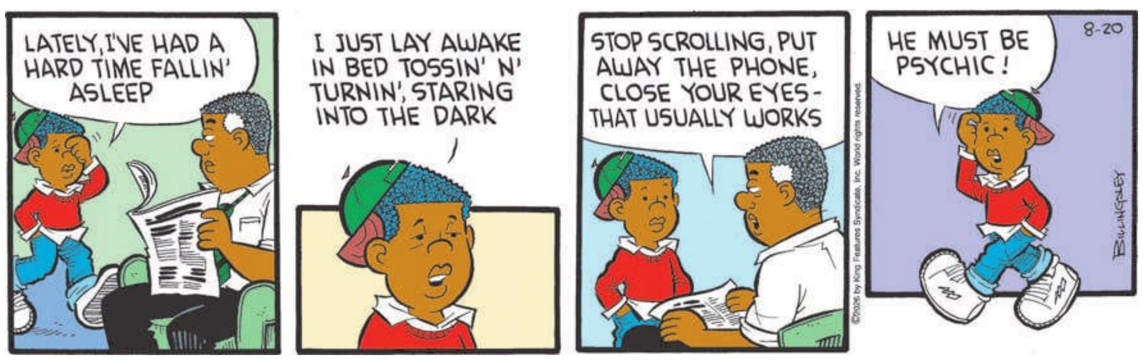
CURTIS

RAY BILLINGSLEY


LATELY, I'VE HAD A HARD TIME FALLIN' ASLEEP
I JUST LAY AWAKE IN BED TOSSIN' N' TURNIN', STARING INTO THE DARK
STOP SCROLLING, PUT AWAY THE PHONE, CLOSE YOUR EYES - THAT USUALLY WORKS
HE MUST BE PSYCHIC!
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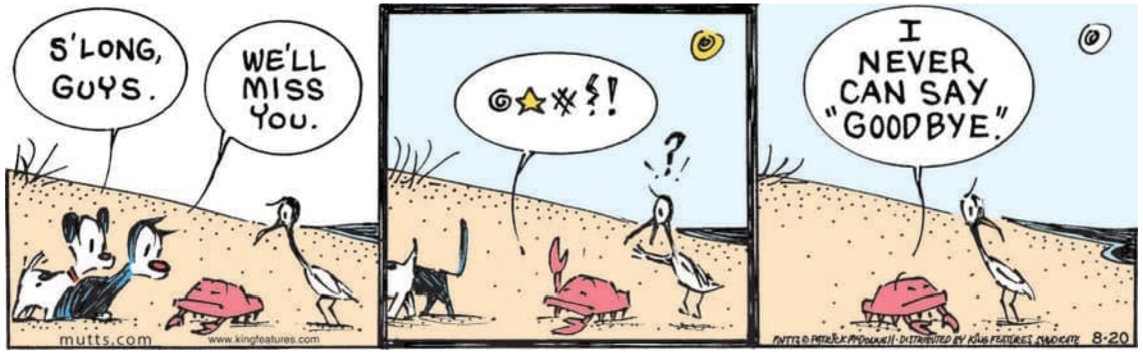
BILLINGSLEY

MUTTS

PATRICK McDONNELL


S'LONG, GUYS.
WE'LL MISS YOU.
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I NEVER CAN SAY "GOODBYE."
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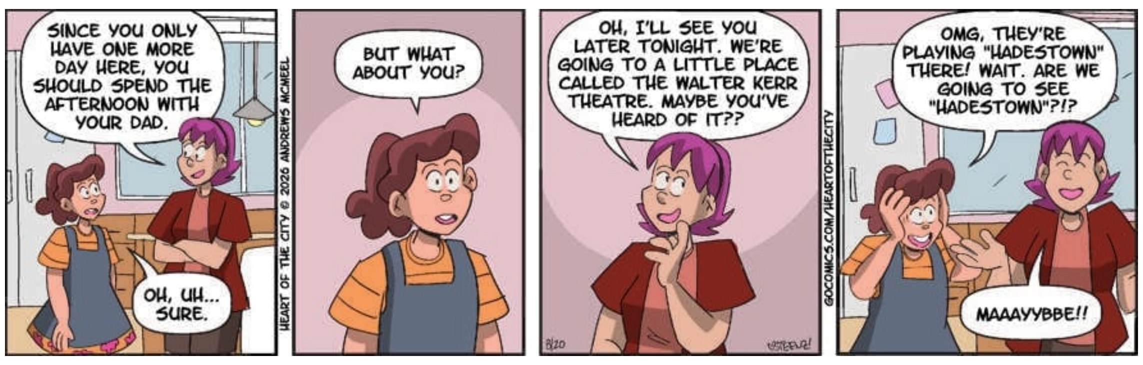
HEART OF THE CITY

STEENZ


SINCE YOU ONLY HAVE ONE MORE DAY HERE, YOU SHOULD SPEND THE AFTERNOON WITH YOUR DAD.
OH, UH... SURE.
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BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
OH, I'LL SEE YOU LATER TONIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO A LITTLE PLACE CALLED THE WALTER KERR THEATRE. MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF IT??
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STEENZ!
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OMG, THEY'RE PLAYING "HADESTOWN" THERE! WAIT. ARE WE GOING TO SEE "HADESTOWN"?!?
MAAAYYBBE!!

FRAZZ

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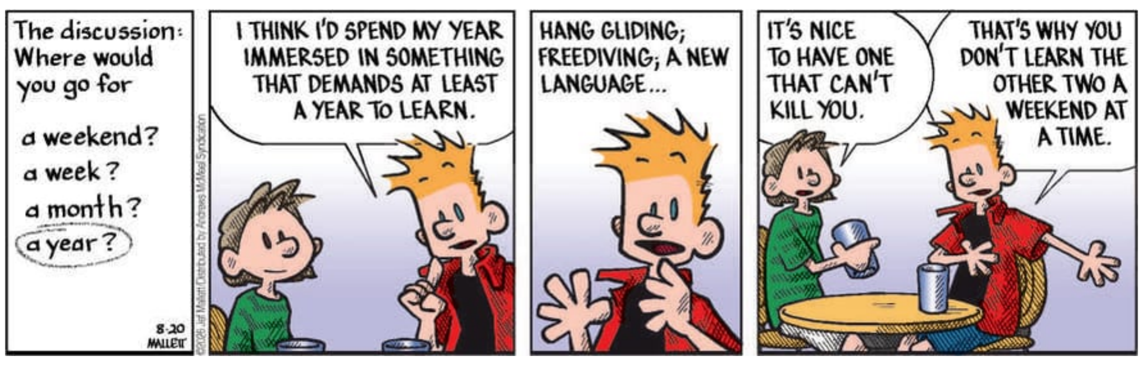
The discussion: Where would you go for
a weekend?
a week?
a month?
a year?
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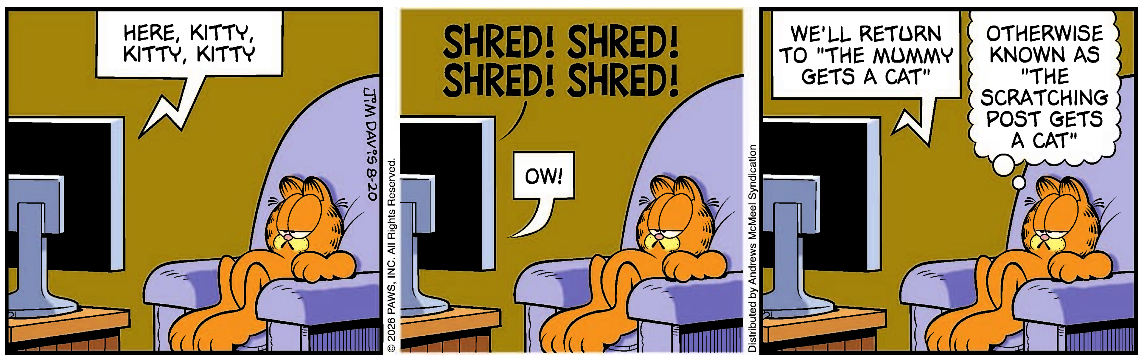
I THINK I'D SPEND MY YEAR IMMERSED IN SOMETHING THAT DEMANDS AT LEAST A YEAR TO LEARN.
HANG GLIDING; FREEDIVING; A NEW LANGUAGE...
IT'S NICE TO HAVE ONE THAT CAN'T KILL YOU.
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T LEARN THE OTHER TWO A WEEKEND AT A TIME.

GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS


HERE, KITTY, KITTY, KITTY
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SHRED! SHRED! SHRED! SHRED!
OW!
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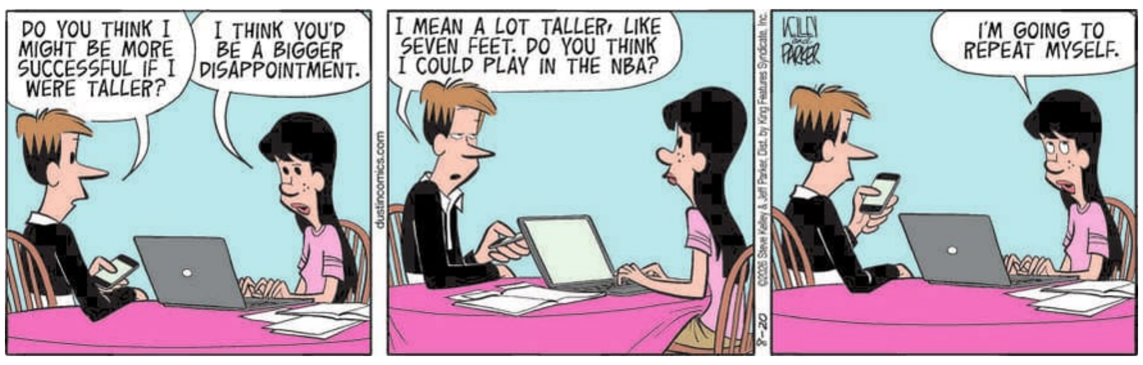
WE'LL RETURN TO "THE MUMMY GETS A CAT"
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE SCRATCHING POST GETS A CAT"

DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER


DO YOU THINK I MIGHT BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF I WERE TALLER?
I THINK YOU'D BE A BIGGER DISAPPOINTMENT.
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I MEAN A LOT TALLER, LIKE SEVEN FEET. DO YOU THINK I COULD PLAY IN THE NBA?
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I'M GOING TO REPEAT MYSELF.

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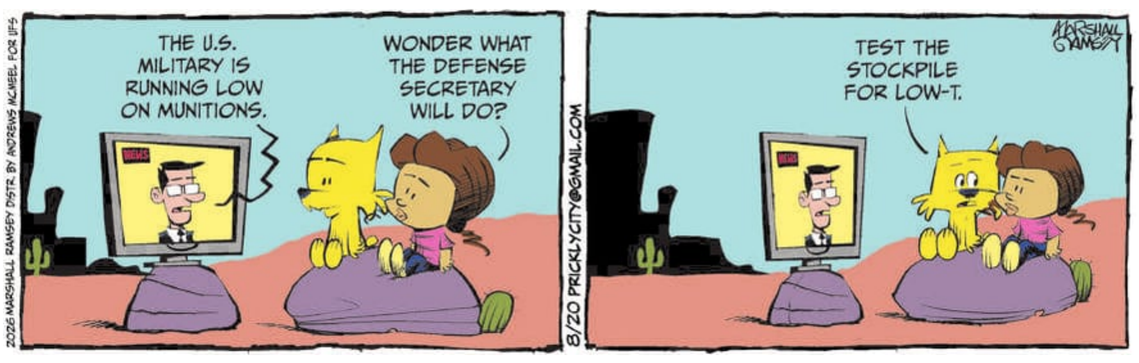
MARSHALL RAMSEY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THE U.S. MILITARY IS RUNNING LOW ON MUNITIONS.
WONDER WHAT THE DEFENSE SECRETARY WILL DO?
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TEST THE STOCKPILE FOR LOW-T.

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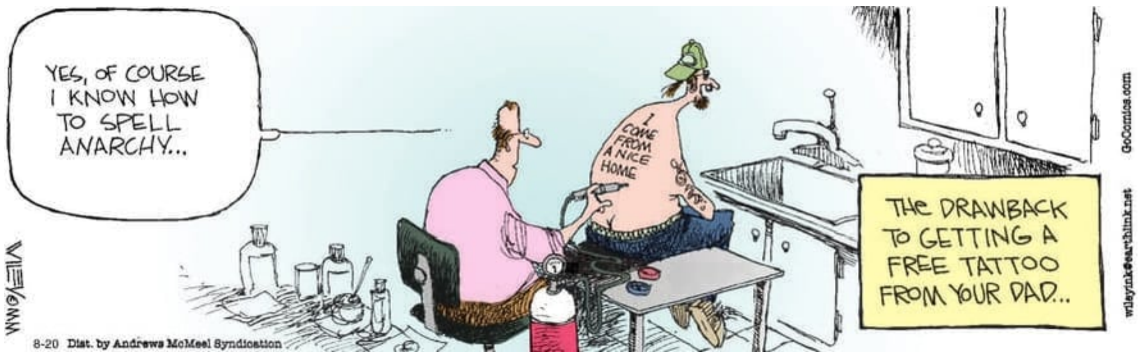
YES, OF COURSE I KNOW HOW TO SPELL ANARCHY...
I COME FROM A NICE HOME
THE DRAWBACK TO GETTING A FREE TATTOO FROM YOUR DAD...
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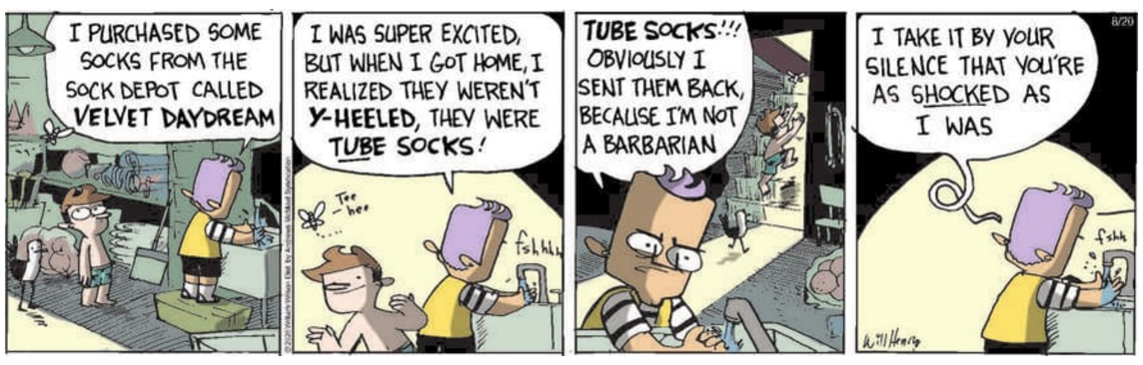
WALLACE THE BRAVE

WILL HENRY


I PURCHASED SOME SOCKS FROM THE SOCK DEPOT CALLED VELVET DAYDREAM
I WAS SUPER EXCITED, BUT WHEN I GOT HOME, I REALIZED THEY WEREN'T Y-HEELED, THEY WERE TUBE SOCKS!
Tee-hee
fshhhh
TUBE SOCKS!!! OBVIOUSLY I SENT THEM BACK, BECAUSE I'M NOT A BARBARIAN
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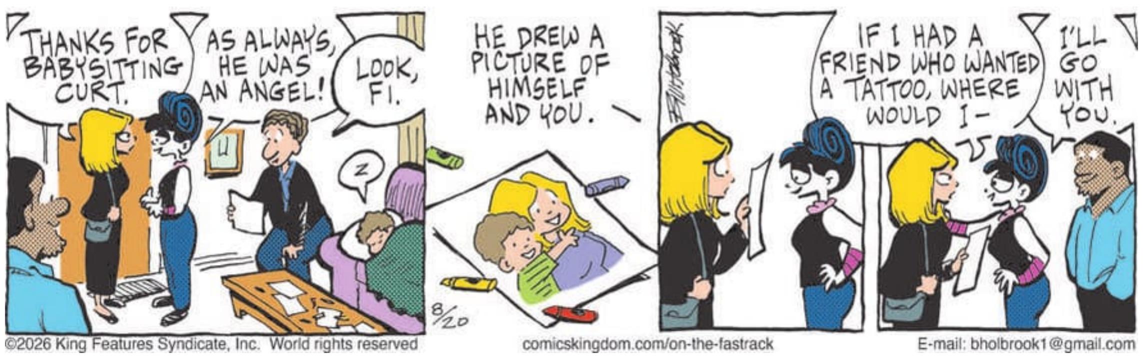
I TAKE IT BY YOUR SILENCE THAT YOU'RE AS SHOCKED AS I WAS
fshh
Will Henry

ON THE FASTRACK

BILL HOLBROOK


THANKS FOR BABYSITTING CURT.
AS ALWAYS, HE WAS AN ANGEL!
LOOK, FI.
Z
HE DREW A PICTURE OF HIMSELF AND YOU.
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Bill Holbrook
IF I HAD A FRIEND WHO WANTED A TATTOO, WHERE WOULD I –
I'LL GO WITH YOU.

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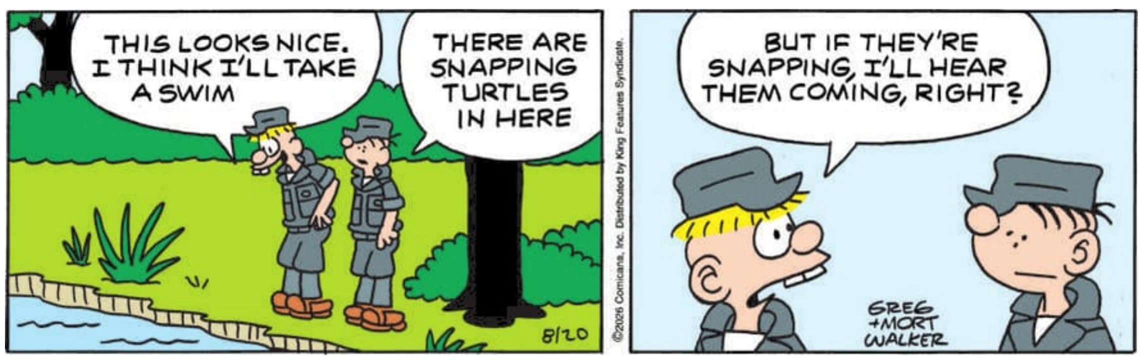
GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER


THIS LOOKS NICE. I THINK I'LL TAKE A SWIM
THERE ARE SNAPPING TURTLES IN HERE
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BUT IF THEY'RE SNAPPING, I'LL HEAR THEM COMING, RIGHT?
GREG +MORT WALKER

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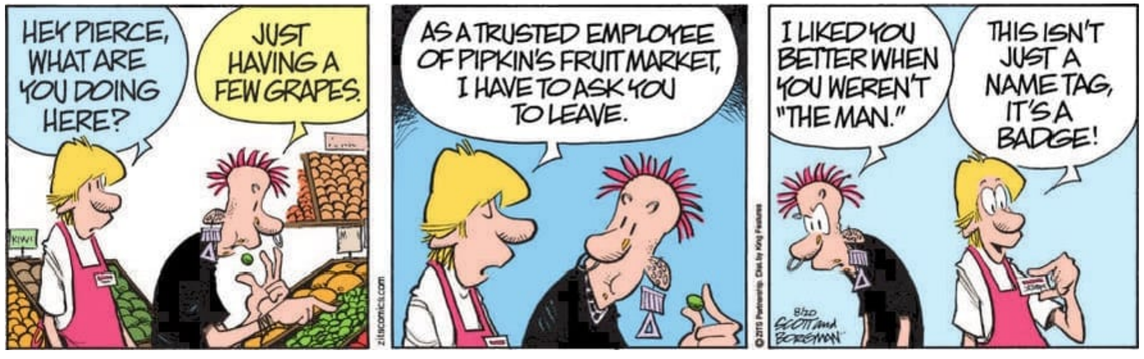
HEY PIERCE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
JUST HAVING A FEW GRAPES.
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AS A TRUSTED EMPLOYEE OF PIPKIN'S FRUIT MARKET, I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.
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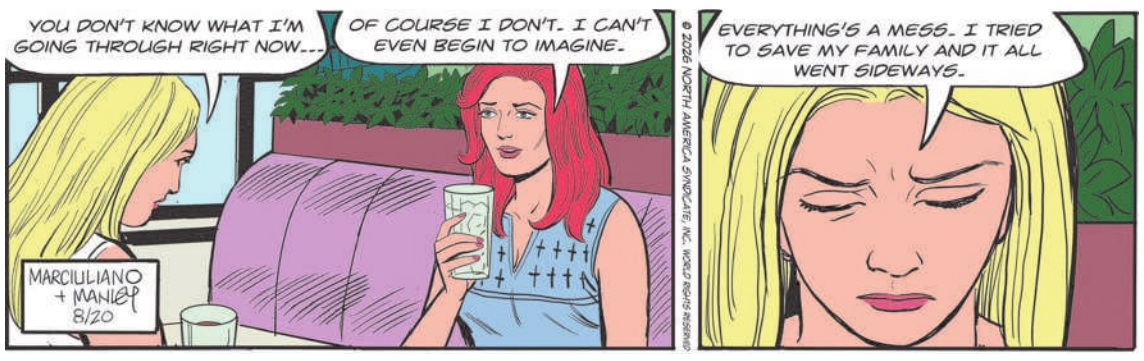
I LIKED YOU BETTER WHEN YOU WEREN'T "THE MAN."
THIS ISN'T JUST A NAME TAG, IT'S A BADGE!

JUDGE PARKER

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY


YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW...
OF COURSE I DON'T. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE.
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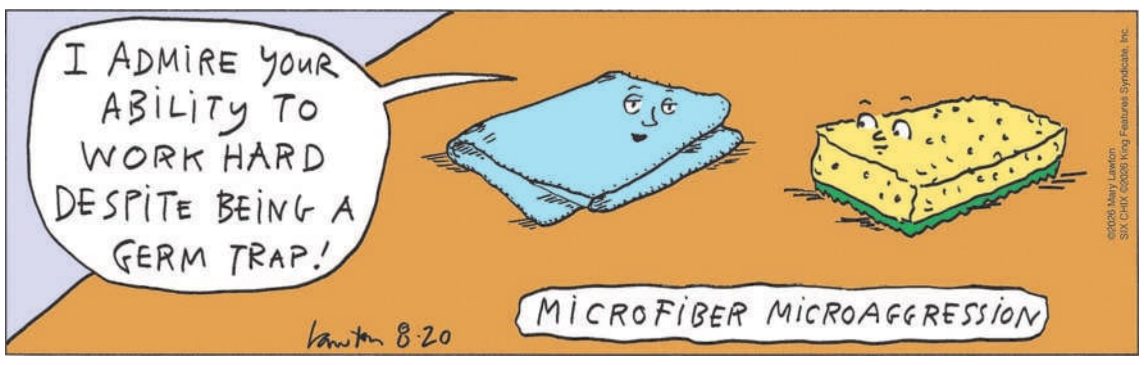
EVERYTHING'S A MESS. I TRIED TO SAVE MY FAMILY AND IT ALL WENT SIDEWAYS.

SIX CHIX

BANNERMAN, XUNISE, KONAR, LAWTON, PATRINOS & PIRO


I ADMIRE YOUR ABILITY TO WORK HARD DESPITE BEING A GERM TRAP!
MICROFIBER MICROAGGRESSION
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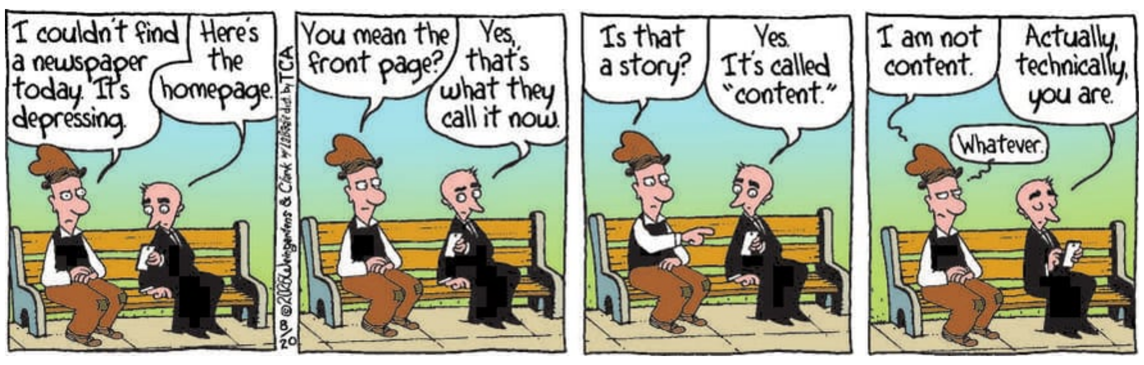
BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK


I couldn't find a newspaper today. It's depressing.
Here's the homepage.
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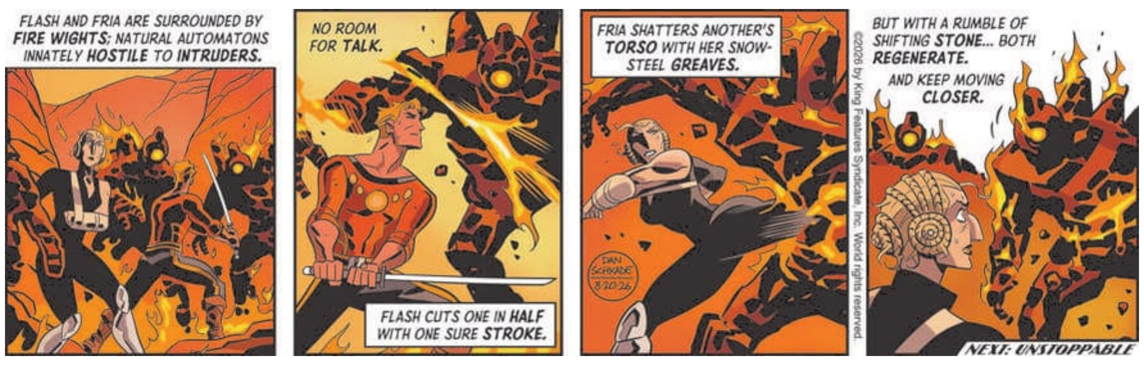
You mean the front page?
Yes, that's what they call it now.
Is that a story?
Yes. It's called "content."
I am not content.
Actually, technically, you are.
Whatever.

FLASH GORDON

DAN SCHKADE


FLASH AND FRIA ARE SURROUNDED BY FIRE WIGHTS: NATURAL AUTOMATONS INNATELY HOSTILE TO INTRUDERS.
NO ROOM FOR TALK.
FLASH CUTS ONE IN HALF WITH ONE SURE STROKE.
FRIA SHATTERS ANOTHER'S TORSO WITH HER SNOW-STEEL GREAVES.
DAN SCHKADE 8.20.26
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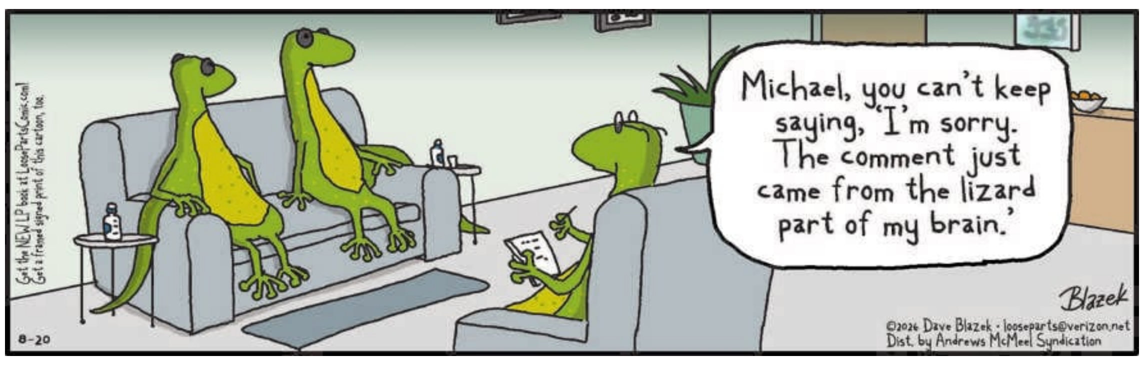
BUT WITH A RUMBLE OF SHIFTING STONE... BOTH REGENERATE.
AND KEEP MOVING CLOSER.
NEXT: UNSTOPPABLE

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK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Michael, you can't keep saying, 'I'm sorry. The comment just came from the lizard part of my brain.'
Blazek
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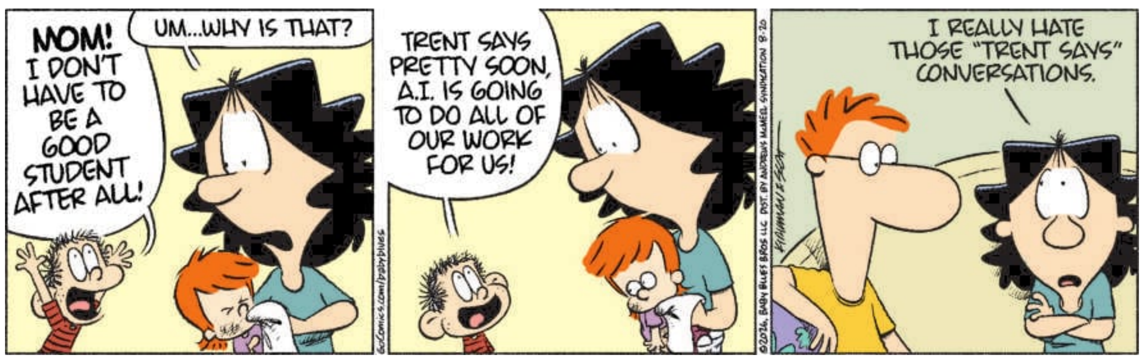
BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT


MOM! I DON'T HAVE TO BE A GOOD STUDENT AFTER ALL!
UM...WHY IS THAT?
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TRENT SAYS PRETTY SOON, A.I. IS GOING TO DO ALL OF OUR WORK FOR US!
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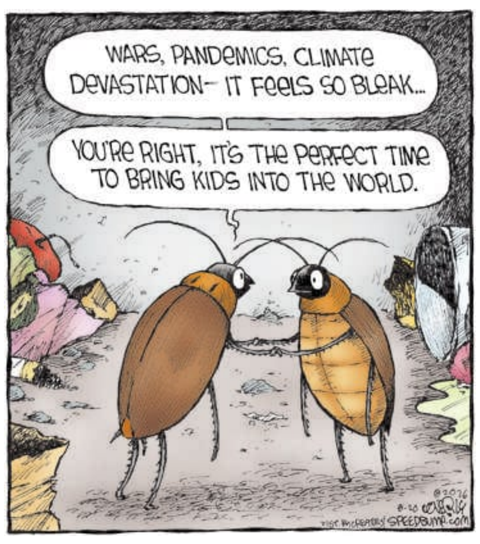
KIRKMAN & SCOTT
I REALLY HATE THOSE "TRENT SAYS" CONVERSATIONS.

SPEED BUMP

DAVE COVERLY


WARS, PANDEMICS, CLIMATE DEVASTATION– IT FEELS SO BLEAK...
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO BRING KIDS INTO THE WORLD.
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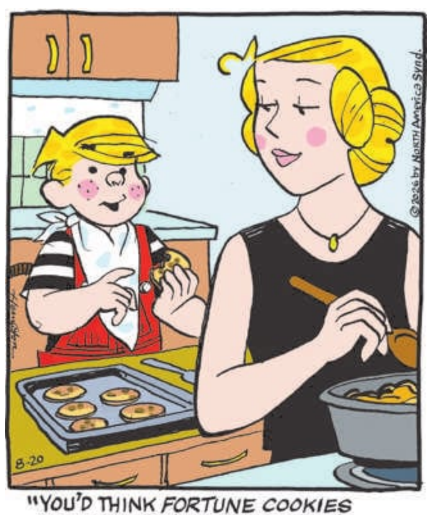
DENNIS THE MENACE

H. KETCHAM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"YOU'D THINK *FORTUNE COOKIES* WOULD HAVE MONEY IN THEM."

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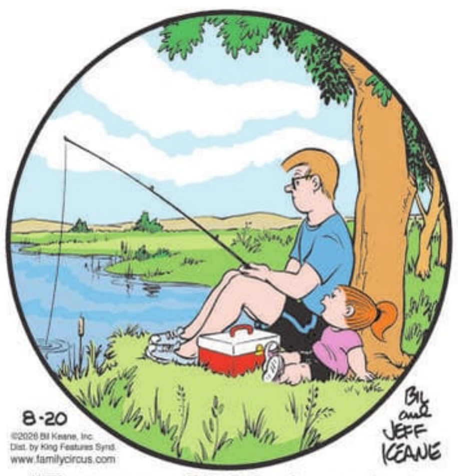
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"That worm didn't look very tasty to me either."

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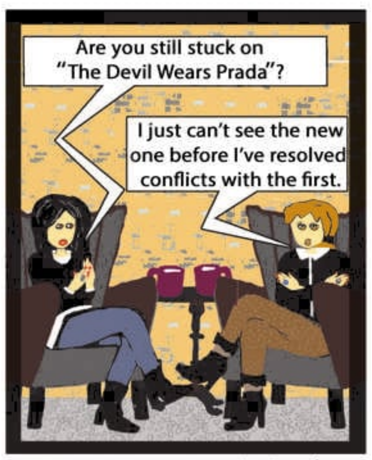
Are you still stuck on "The Devil Wears Prada"?
I just can't see the new one before I've resolved conflicts with the first.

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TELEVISION

8/20/26	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4.1 WRC (NBC)	◆ **NBCNe..**	◆ News4..	◆ Law & Order		◆ Law & Order: SVU		◆ Law & Order: SVU		◆ **NEWS..**
4.2 WRC (IND)	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	George
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	◆ **Fox 5**	◆ **TMZ**	◆ **Crime Scene**		◆ Best Medicine		◆ **Fox 5 at 10**		◆ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	◆ Wheel	◆ Jeopardy!	◆ **Celebrity Fam.**		◆ **Press Your Luck**		◆ The Greatest		◆ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	◆ Inside	◆ **ET**	◆ **Big Brother** (Live)		◆ Georgie	◆ Ghosts	◆ Elsbeth		◆ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	◆ **Rosa**		◆ **Tan cerca**		◆ **Guardián d**		◆ **Corazón de oro**		◆ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	◆ Family	◆ Family	◆ **Fox 5 News**		◆ Family	◆ Family	◆ Dateline		◆ Dateline
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	◆ Food	◆ DookCh..	◆ TURN: Washington		◆ Diana's Decades		◆ Astrid		◆ Farm
26.1 WETA (PBS)	◆ **PBS News Hour**		◆ Shakespea		◆ The Brokenwood Mysteries			◆ Antiques	◆ **Amanp..**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	◆ After Action		◆ Kings of Music		◆ POV			◆ Rooted	◆ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	◆ Friends	◆ Friends	◆ Trivial Pursuit		◆ Scrabble		◆ **DC News Now**		◆ Neighbor
66.1 WPXW (ION)	◆ FBI		◆ FBI		◆ FBI		◆ FBI		◆ FBI
A&E	Accused: Guilty		Accused: Guilty		**Accused: Guilty**		**Accused: Guilty**		Accused
AMC	Movie: Unstoppable ★★★ (2010)				**TNA iMPACT!** (Live)				Movie: Gone in ...
Animal Planet	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		Monsters
BET	(6:40) Cel..	(:50) Celebrity Family Feud			Movie: Black Knight ★★ (2001)				
Bravo	The Real Housewives of Orange County		**The Real Housewives of Orange County**		The Real Housewives: Ultimate Girls Trip		The Real Housewives of London		The Rea
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source** (Live)		**CNN News.** (Live)		**Laura**
Comedy Central	The Office	(:35) Office	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office	Office	Family Guy
Discovery	In the Eye of		In the Eye of		In the Eye of		In the Eye of		In the
Disney	Big City	Big City	Movie: Mulan ★★★ (1998)			Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Ladybug
E!	(5:30) Movie: Save th...		Movie: Coyote Ugly ★ (2000)				Cocktail	Cocktail	Movie
ESPN	NFL Countdown Special Edition		**NFL Football** Las Vegas Raiders at Houston Texans (Live)						**SportsC.** (Live)
ESPN2	(6:00) **Little League**		**High School Football** Brentwood Academy (Tenn.) at Baylor School (Tenn.) (Live)						Football
Food Network	BeatBobby	BeatBobby	**Restaurant Im.**		**Secret Service**		**Secret Service**		Nightmar..
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(5:30) Movie: P...	(:35) Movie: Moana ★★★ (2016) A once-mighty demigod and a teen sail across the ocean.					**Project Runway**		The 700 Club
FX	(4:30) Movie: Captain America: Civil War (2...		Movie: Thor: Love and Thunder ★★ (2022) Thor and his allies battle Gorr the God Butcher.					Movie: Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (2024)	
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Love, Fall & Order (2019)		Garage Sale Mysteries				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	(6:00) Hannah Swensen Mysteries		Hannah Swensen Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote		Murder ...
HBO	Movie: Mortal Kombat II ★★ (2026)				**Monsters of God**		(:55) Monsters	(:55) Lanterns	
HGTV	Zillow	Zillow	Roast My	Roast My	Roast My	Roast My	**Totally**	**Totally**	Hunters
History	Secrets Declassified		Secrets Declassified		**Secrets** (SF)		(:05) **Engineerin**		Secrets
Lifetime	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		(:05) NCIS		(:05) NCIS
MASN	(6:30) **MLB Baseball**				**O's Xtra**	SportsWrap		Bensinger	Charlie
Monumental	WNBA Basketball				Beyond the	DC	Wizards Classics		
MSNBC	**The Weeknight** (Live)		**All in With Chr.** (Live)		**The Briefing** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**The 11th**
MTV	Jersey Shore		**Jersey Shore**		Jersey Shore		Movie: The Waterboy ★ (1998)		
Nat'l Geographic	Lost Treasures		Lost Treasures		Lost Treasures		Lost Treasures		Lost
Nickelodeon	Movie: SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004)				Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
NWSN	**Vargas Report**		**Cuomo**		**On Balance**		**Katie Pavlich**		**JesseWeb**
Paramount	(6:00) Movie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ★★★ (2002)					(:45) Movie: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★ (2004)			
Paramount+Sho	(6:05) Movie: Top Gun ★★★ (1986)		Movie: Top Gun: Maverick ★★★ (2022)				(:15) Movie: Bleed for This ★★★ (2016)		
Syfy	(6:30) Movie: Freaky ★★★ (2020)				Movie: Insidious ★★★ (2010) Supernatural forces haunt a family in its new home.				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**Jokers**	Jokers	**Jokes**
TCM	(6:30) Movie: The Wild One ★★★ (1954)		Movie: A Streetcar Named Desire ★★★★ (1951)				(:15) Movie: The Fugitive Kind ★★★ (1960)		
TLC	Last Resort		**Last Resort**		**Little Singles**		**Jay & Pamela**		Baylen Out
TNT	(5:45) Movie: The Equalizer 2 (2018)		(:15) Movie: The Accountant ★★ (2016) An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals.						Movie: Ocean's...
Travel	Lost Monster Files		Jack and Kelly Osbourne: Night of Terror				Jack Osbourne's		
TruTV	(6:00) Movie: Field of ...		(:15) Movie: Field of Dreams ★★★ (1989)					DAZN	Dunkman
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Uncensored		Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Movie: Speed ★★★ (1994)					Movie: Speed (1994)	
VH1	My Wife	My Wife	Movie: The Secret Life of Bees ★★ (2008)					Movie: Set It Off (19...	
WNC8	Inogen!	Inogen!	7News at..	Inogen!	Jacuzzi	**WorldNe..**	**WJLANe..**	Jacuzzi	**National**

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ◆ High Definition
Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	9		8	1		2		
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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

5	4	6	8	3	1	9	2	7
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7	6	4	2	1	8	5	3	9
8	5	1	3	9	4	2	7	6

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E_1 O_1 U_1 G_2 N_1 S_1 R_1 — RACK 1

A_1 E_1 O_1 L_1 M_3 F_4 B_3 — RACK 2

A_1 A_1 E_1 C_3 N_1 S_1 K_5 — Double Word Score — RACK 3

E_1 O_1 U_1 H_4 T_1 S_1 B_3 — 1st Letter Triple — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 215

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

C_3 E_1 N_1 S_1 U_1 S_1 — RACK 1 = 8

U_1 N_1 T_1 H_4 I_1 N_1 K_5 — RACK 2 = 78

E_1 I_1 T_1 H_4 E_1 R_1 — RACK 3 = 9

S_1 E_1 C_3 R_1 E_1 C_3 Y_4 — RACK 4 = 70

PAR SCORE 100-110 TOTAL 165

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

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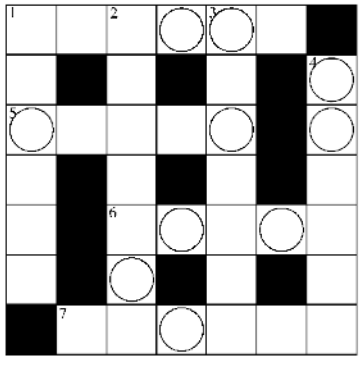

CLUE	ACROSS	ANSWER
1. Eight-pint amount		LLGONA
5. Small indentation		NTHOC
6. Small coastal bay		ELITN
7. Capitol Hill chamber		NAEEST

CLUE	DOWN	ANSWER
1. Softly		NYTELG
2. Military restroom		RTNLIAE
3. Hamlet's tragic love		PEOALIH
4. Shove for position		ETSLJO

BONUS **CLUE:** This person appeared on the cover of the first issue of Rolling Stone magazine.

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How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Gallon 5A-Notch 6A-Inlet 7A-Senate
1D-Gently 2D-Latrine 3D-Ophelia 4D-Jostle B-John Lennon

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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 20: You're sensible and have an analytical, problem-solving mind. You're friendly, but you also need time alone. You're sensible and have an analytical, problem-solving mind. You're friendly, but you need time alone. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energies and your outlook. Focus on business and personal relationships, especially with people who are kind, helpful and have your back.

Moon Alert: After 4:45 a.m. today there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
You might be interested in unusual, powerful ideas today. They might be mystical and idealistic. They might even be related to improving yourself somehow. Nevertheless, be aware that this is also a mildly accident-prone day for you. Pay attention to everything you say and do.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Yes, you're a financial wizard; however, today you have to be on your toes. You might be confused about something, financially speaking. You might be tempted to give away the farm. You might be deceived. Something unexpected could impact your assets. Stay awake!

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
You might genuinely want to help a friend today. You feel sympathetic. You also might be moved by philosophical or powerful ideas. Meanwhile, someone might surprise you today. Stay light on your feet.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Today you might have a strong desire to make improvements to your health or your job. This is coming from a desire for perfection, perhaps. However, something out of the blue could be unsettling. It might make you change your mind suddenly.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
This is a romantic day for you. You're also in touch with your muse, which is why you can express your creative talents. Nevertheless, a friend or a member of a group might throw you a curveball. Parents should also be aware that this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Be vigilant!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your home routine might be interrupted today. A minor appliance might break down or a small breakage could occur. Be aware of this. If you're making a decision to share property or money with someone, double-check your information. Something could be off. If you suspect this, do nothing.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
This might be a lovely day for you to shop for wardrobe items, because your appreciation of beauty is heightened. Nevertheless, it's also a mildly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention and keep your eyes open. A romantic connection might be powerful.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Keep an eye on your money and possessions today, because an element of confusion is present. You might feel generous and then later regret it. You might be confused or even deceived about finances. Something unexpected could impact your assets through loss, theft or damage. Be alert! (The world needs more 'lerts.)

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Pluto, Neptune and Uranus. This is a tricky combination! Your idealism is aroused and you might feel sympathetic to children and romantic partners.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You might be happiest today by being low-key and working alone or behind the scenes. You'll feel reassured. Nevertheless, keep an eye on your money and possessions. Be realistic when dealing with a family member. Pet owners should be vigilant, because this could be an accident-prone day for your pet.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Friendships are important to you today. You might idealize a friend or want to help them in some way. Stay steady, because something out of left field could impact a friendship. It might relate to romance or children. Or you might meet a real character today.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
People notice you today. They might admire you; they might even attribute qualities to you that you don't think you have. (Don't worry about this.) However, something unexpected related to home and family might surprise you.

— Georgia Nicols

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ A
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ A 8 6 3

WEST
♠ J 4
♥ A J 10 8
♦ 6 3
♣ Q J 10 7 4

EAST (D)
♠ K Q 10 9 8 6
♥ 9
♦ J 8
♣ K 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 5 3 2
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ A Q 7 5 2
♣ None

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4 ♥	All Pass	

Opening lead — ♣ Q

I sat down to kibitz Unlucky Louie's penny game.

"How goes it?" I asked.

"Pain and suffering," he groaned.

Cy the Cynic was Louie's partner.

"Pain is inevitable," Cy said. "Suffering is optional."

In today's deal, East opened two spades, and after two passes, Cy balanced with a double. Louie jumped boldly to four hearts, and West led the queen of clubs. Louie played low from dummy, ruffed in his hand and led a trump: jack, king, nine.

Dummy then led a second trump, and East's discard was excruciating. West took the eight and ace and led another club. Louie took the ace and started the diamonds, but when West waited to ruff the fourth diamond, dummy was left with two club losers. Down two.

Bad breaks are painful — inevitable if you're Louie — but he self-inflicted the suffering. After the king of trumps wins, Louie must abandon trumps. He ruffs a club, goes to the ace of spades, ruffs a club and leads diamonds. West gets only his three trump tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A ♥ K 6 4 3
♦ K 10 9 4 ♣ A 8 6 3

Your partner opens one heart. The next player bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner is unlikely to have spade honors. If he has a minimum such as 7 6 5, A Q 9 5 2, A 2, K J 5, six hearts should come home. Many players would start with a two-spade cue bid. Others would jump to three spades, a "splinter bid" to show a heart fit, spade shortness and slam interest. Some players would not splinter with a singleton ace.

— Frank Stewart

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LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Jeffrey Wechsler

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66				■	67					■	68			

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ACROSS

1 Error
8 Radio static sound
15 Do the same as
16 Peaceful getaway spot
17 Hard stuff in rings
19 "You said it!"
20 Ignited
21 Small floral bundle
22 Robin Hood foe
26 Hard stuff in school
32 Gets even with
33 Relativity, for one
35 Bucks and does
36 Org. that oversees food recalls
39 Half a sextet
40 Hard stuff in a bar
45 Utterly exhausted
46 "How amusing"
49 __ culpa
50 Marina __ Rey, California
51 Proper
54 Fuming
56 Nocturnal flapper
58 Word with circle and tube
60 Hard stuff for a sweet tooth
63 Doesn't just assume
64 Licoricelike herb
65 Ore-rich vein
66 Appliance alert
67 Numbers for letters
68 Tollbooth pricing unit

DOWN

1 Sports analyst Kimes
2 Mosque leader
3 Place
4 Leave speechless
5 Fossil-preserving gunk
6 Unreliable stat from the fashionably late
7 Bit of hamster food
8 One who always gives star treatment?
9 Belfast-born actor Stephen
10 Bread machine
11 Trim, as a photo
12 Casino game
13 Boyos
14 Marketplace with personalized gifts
18 NNE, SSW, etc.
22 Contrail location
23 Bucks, but not does
24 In shape
25 Dismissive syllable
26 Bit of fishing gear
27 Well-financed gp.?
28 Chocolate substitute
29 Online access username within universities, briefly
30 Grain ground to make masa
31 "The Devil in the White City" writer Larson
32 Nutritional amt.
34 Casual hellos
36 Flowering plant once believed to repel pests
37 E, in Morse code
38 Rigorous evaluation
41 Big hit at the ballpark
42 Unspecified person
43 Hip-hop pioneer Dr. __
44 Thing of the past
46 Muslim headscarf
47 Create a clean slate?
48 Ethan of the "Before" trilogy
51 Secondary structure
52 "Bike faster!"
53 Defiant response to a threat
55 Ingredient meas.
57 Similar (to)
59 Mars rover org.
61 "My conscience whispers in your __": "King John"
62 High or low follower, in graphics

WEDNESDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

C	U	P	I	D	■	N	O	S	E	■	H	E	A	P
A	R	E	N	A	■	O	P	U	S	■	A	B	R	A
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ICON SPORTSWIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Commanders Coach Dan Quinn rested his starting defensive linemen in Friday's 20-7 victory over the Dolphins, giving his reserves valuable game experience.

A united front

The Commanders' retooled defensive line is deep, versatile and cohesive

BY **TASHAN REED**

The Washington Commanders' defensive line was coming on in waves. Whether it was the interior D-linemen or the edge rushers, they were taking turns having their way with the Miami Dolphins' offensive line during their joint practice last week.

Although it wasn't game action, it delivered a strong statement about what the group was capable of.

"[We're] just rushing as a group, instead of having one dominant pass rusher," outside linebacker Odafe Oweh said. "I'd rather have a group of … good pass rushers that know how to play and work together."

It's unclear whether fans will see what they can do in the preseason. Coach Dan Quinn decided to rest his starters in the preseason opener, a 20-7 win over the Dolphins on Friday, and said Tuesday that he hasn't decided if that'll change against the Detroit Lions on Saturday at Ford Field.

Despite the lack of game action, it's worth buying stock in the Commanders' defensive line. Here's why:

The depth is real

Edge rusher may be the strongest position group on the roster. Oweh and defensive end Dorance Armstrong are a strong frontline pass rush duo. Armstrong is still working his way back from the torn ACL he suffered last season, but he's on track to be ready by Week 2 (after serving his one-game suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy).

The thing that really sets this group apart, though, is the depth. Outside linebacker K'Lavon Chaisson has been a standout while handling starting reps for most of training camp. He set career-high marks with 7.5 sacks and 18 quarterback hits with the New England Patriots last season.

Defensive end Charles Omenihu has spent time lined up both as a traditional end and inside as a tackle. Wherever he's played, he's been disruptive.

Defensive end Deatrich Wise Jr. re-

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Mystics are double the trouble for Toronto

MYSTICS 93, TEMPO 82

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Kiki Iriafen had 21 points and 13 rebounds, Shakira Austin added 11 points and 10 rebounds, and the Washington Mystics beat the shorthanded Toronto Tempo, 93-82, on Wednesday night at CareFirst Arena for their eighth straight home victory.

Austin secured her 16th double-double of the season and Iriafen notched her 15th as Washington outrebounded Toronto 43-27. Iriafen shot 8 for 12 from the field.

Michaela Onyenwere scored 14 points and made four three-pointers for Washington (21-14). Sonia Citron had 13 points and six assists. The Mystics scored 38 points in the paint, just missing their 12th straight game with 40-plus.

With the Tempo's top three scorers — Marina Mabrey, Brittney Sykes and Nyara Sabally — sitting out the second game of a back-to-back, rookie Kiki Rice led Toronto (10-25) with 19 points. Aneesah Morrow had 13 points and eight rebounds as the expansion Tempo lost their 12th straight.

Washington began the second quarter with a 12-0 run to go ahead 37-24 as the Tempo missed their first five shots. The Mystics outscored Toronto 22-9 in the second for a 47-33 lead at the break.

Onyenwere made three-pointers on back-to-back possessions to extend Washington's lead to 60-42 midway through the third.

The Tempo next host the Portland Fire on Friday.

Lynx at Mystics
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Kiki Iriafen posted 21 points and 13 rebounds in the Mystics' eighth straight home victory.

For a title run, Texas needs a golden Arch

Can Manning finally live up to the team that the Longhorns have built around him?

BY **JIM VERTUNO**
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Arch Manning's name is still on the back of the No. 16 jersey. Texas is still on the front.

Stitched permanently into both are the questions of whether player and program can deliver on supersized potential and expectations of a national championship.

Year two of the Manning era at Texas carries a lot with it, from the residue of last season's failures of not making the College Football Playoff to the burning new question of "if not now, when?"

Coach Steve Sarkisian aggressively used the transfer portal to retool the lineup around his star quarterback in a push for a return to the CFP.

Twenty-one years since its last national title, Texas loaded up for what could be Manning's moment. Can he stitch his name into Texas history?

"He's a very dangerous player because he learned a lot from last season, and he is surrounded by some good players," Sarkisian said. "I think that he's a guy that's poised for a heck of a season."

And as Manning goes, so does Texas.

Last season started with Texas ranked No. 1 and Manning as the Heisman Trophy favorite.

The bubble burst quickly for both in a 3-2 start that saw Manning pounded by defenses and labeled a bust by some national media.

Texas rallied with a 7-1 finish and made a legitimate argument for the playoff before getting left out.

That run included a win over then-No. 3 Texas A&M and thumping Michigan in the Citrus Bowl as Manning showed big improvement on the field.

Still, Sarkisian knew changes had to be made.

Some key veterans were pointed toward a transfer portal exit: Running back Tre Wisner (Florida State) and receivers Parker Livingstone (Oklahoma) and DeAndre Moore Jr. (Colorado) headed out.

Texas has upgraded at both positions with running backs Raleek Brown (Arizona State) and Hollywood Smothers (North

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Riding the hot hand

Cade Cavalli struck out 11 batters over six innings to lead the Nationals to a 6-0 road win against the Rangers. The performance marked Cavalli's second straight game of at least 10 strikeouts and helped snap Washington's four-game losing streak. For more coverage, visit *postsports.com*.

Odom signs extension with U-Va. through '32

BY **GREG MADIA**
The Daily Progress

Ryan Odom's strong first season as coach of Virginia men's basketball has already earned him a new deal through the 2031-32 campaign.

Details of his extension were not readily available, but The Daily Progress put in a FOIA request for a copy of the new terms.

"This extension reflects the hard work and commitment of our players, coaches and staff," Odom said, "as well as the incredible support we receive from the entire U-Va. community. Virginia is a truly special place, and my family and I are proud to call Charlottesville home. We are excited about what lies ahead and remain committed to building a program that represents this university the right way."

Virginia is Odom's fifth stop as a head coach, and he's led all five of the schools he's coached — VCU, Utah State, UMBC and D-II Lenoir-Rhyne — to the NCAA tournament.

THE DAY IN SPORTS

PRO BASKETBALL

Wizards acquire Mann, trade Whitmore, Reese

The Washington Wizards acquired guard **Tre Mann** from the Cleveland Cavaliers in exchange for forward **Cam Whitmore** as part of a five-team trade, according to multiple reports Wednesday.

Unable to sign rising star **Peyton Watson** to a new contract, the Denver Nuggets have traded him to the Cavaliers, while Cleveland sends guard **Max Strus** to the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Wizards will also acquire a 2027 second-round pick from the Cavaliers, which it had received from the Clippers in this trade.

Washington is also reportedly trading forward **Julian Reese** to Denver.

The Nuggets will receive an unprotected 2031 first-round pick from the Cavaliers and a 2032 second-round pick from the Sacramento Kings.

Watson, who averaged a career-high 14.6 points per game in 2025-26, will sign a four-year, $88 million contract as part of the sign-and-trade transaction, his agent told ESPN. …

Nneka Ogwumike has been a vital part of the WNBA's growth on and off the court the past 15 seasons, from her decorated playing career to her tenure as president of the players' union.

The 36-year-old eight-time all-WNBA forward announced in an interview with Boardroom Talks that she'll retire at the end of the season.

"I feel very fulfilled with the 15 years that I've been able to play and compete at such a high level," the Los Angeles Sparks star said. "Even though I didn't know what kind of player that I could be in this league, I never thought that I would play this long. Never thought that would be the type of player that I'd play this long."

The No. 1 pick in the 2012 draft out of Stanford, Ogwumike earned rookie of the year honors that season with Los Angeles. She was voted league MVP in 2016 when she helped lead the Sparks to the WNBA championship, hitting the title-winning shot in Game 5 with 3.1 seconds left. …

Dallas Wings guard **Azzi Fudd** is set for season-ending surgery on a sore knee that has sidelined this year's No. 1 overall pick for the past five games.

The team said that the St. John's College High School alum will have arthroscopic surgery on her right knee next week in Connecticut, where she starred for U-Conn. before becoming the Huskies' second consecutive top overall pick by Dallas. Reigning WNBA rookie of the year **Paige Bueckers** was the No. 1 choice last year.

Fudd was eased into the lineup as a rookie, coming off the bench for the first six games. She scored 24 points in that sixth game and immediately became a full-time starter. The 2018 and 2019 All-Met Player of the Year had a season-high 26 points in a win over Seattle in June. …

New York's **Satou Sabally** won't play for the German national team when the country hosts the FIBA Women's World Cup next month.

Sabally has been sidelined for nearly the last two months since suffering a concussion against Las Vegas on June 23.

"It's incredibly hard for me to share that I won't be able to be part of the World Cup in Berlin," Sabally wrote on Instagram. "Competing at the World Cup at home, in front of you, my family, and with this team is something I've worked toward for years.

SPOTLIGHT: TENNIS

PATRICK HAMILTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"I made a huge mistake and I take full responsibility for it," Nick Kyrgios posted on social media after a positive cocaine test.

Kyrgios suspended after positive cocaine test

BY VICTORIA CRAW

> The 31-year-old Australian could face a ban that lasts up to four years

Australian tennis player Nick Kyrgios has been provisionally suspended by the sport's ethics body after testing positive for cocaine, the latest in a series of setbacks including injuries and a first-round doubles loss at Wimbledon this year.

"I recently failed a drug test in Mallorca after testing positive for cocaine," the 31-year-old Australian player wrote on social media. "I made a huge mistake and I take full responsibility for it."

The International Tennis Integrity Agency said Kyrgios tested positive for benzoylecgonine, a metabolite of cocaine, which is banned under the sport's anti-doping program.

His suspension has been in place since Aug. 4 and could last up to four years.

Kyrgios apologized in his post Wednesday, saying he was "deeply disappointed" in himself.

The Canberra-born player, who gained a reputation for his colorful personality, achieved a career-high ranking of No. 13 in singles and won the Australian Open doubles title in 2022 with fellow Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis.

But he has been embroiled in trouble off the court, including pleading guilty to assaulting his girlfriend in Australia in 2023. His struggles with injury, depressive episodes and drugs and alcohol were well documented at the time.

On Wednesday, Kyrgios said recent injuries had weighed on his mental health. "My body hasn't been able to do what my mind expects it to do, and coming to terms with being near the end of my career has been harder than I ever imagined."

He said he plans to step out of the spotlight and "come back better."

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

2 p.m.	**Seattle at Milwaukee** » MLB Network
6:35 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
8:05 p.m.	**Washington at Texas** » Fox Sports 1, Nationals.TV, WJFK (106.7 FM)

WNBA

8 p.m.	**Indiana at Dallas** » Prime Video
10 p.m.	**Atlanta at Los Angeles** » Prime Video

NFL PRESEASON

8 p.m.	**Las Vegas at Houston** » ESPN
10 p.m.	**San Francisco at Los Angeles Chargers** » NFL Network

GOLF

7:30 a.m.	**DP World Tour: Nexo Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
10 a.m.	**PGA Tour: BMW Championship, first round** » ESPN
Noon	**Korn Ferry Tour: AdventHealth Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
3 p.m.	**PGA Tour: BMW Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
7 p.m.	**LPGA Tour: Canadian Women's Open, first round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

6 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana round of 16, second leg: Santos at Macará** » BeIN Sports
8:30 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana round of 16, second leg: Cienciano at Botafogo** » BeIN Sports

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Cincinnati Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m.	**Canadian Football League: Ottawa at Montreal** » CBS Sports Network

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Noon	**International League: Nashville at Norfolk** » MASN

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

8 p.m.	**Furman at Clemson** » ACC Network
10 p.m.	**San Diego at Washington** » Big Ten Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

7 p.m.	**James Madison at Georgia** » SEC Network
7:30 p.m.	**North Carolina at Arkansas** » ESPNU
8 p.m.	**Notre Dame at Nebraska** » Big Ten Network

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

8 p.m.	**Brentwood Academy (Tenn.) at Baylor School (Tenn.)** » ESPN2

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

Noon	**Australia vs. Mexico** » ESPN
2 p.m.	**Ohio vs. Nevada** » ESPN
4 p.m.	**Japan vs. Curaçao** » ESPN
6 p.m.	**California vs. Iowa** » ESPN2

SOCCER

Yusuf's hat trick snaps D.C. United's streak

Alhassan Yusuf scored three goals, his first multi-goal game in MLS, and the New England Revolution beat D.C. United, 3-0, at Audi Field to snap a three-game winless skid.

Yusuf became the eighth player in franchise history to record a hat trick in the regular season and the first since **Kei Kamara** on Sept. 2, 2017.

Jack Harrison had a career-high three assists for the Revolution (10-7-3). **Matt Turner had** three saves.

D.C. United (5-6-9) had its six-game unbeaten streak snapped. **Sean Johnson** had five saves for D.C. United.

The Revolution are unbeaten (3-0-1) in four straight against D.C. United and lead the regular season series 39-37-16. …

Lionel Messi had a goal and assist as Inter Miami and the Philadelphia Union played to a 2-2 draw in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Messi has 13 goals and nine assists in 17 MLS games this season. …

Crystal Palace added to its squad for another European campaign by signing United States youth international **Zavier Gozo** in a club record sale for Real Salt Lake.

The Conference League titleholder signed the 19-year-old winger to a five-year contract late Monday. The transfer fee was reportedly $15 million.

Real Salt Lake said in a statement it will "retain a significant percentage of any future transfer fee for Gozo," who it said was the first Utah native to join an English Premier League club.

COLLEGES

Ruling lets players in NFL return to school

Several athletes, including some who signed contracts with NFL teams, were granted a temporary restraining order by a Louisiana court that would make them eligible to return to college athletics, ESPN reported.

Former Oregon State running back **Anthony Hankerson** (Seattle Seahawks), former Florida and LSU pass rusher **Jack Pyburn** (Tampa Bay Buccaneers) and ex-Mississippi starters **Dae'Quan Wright** (Cleveland Browns) and **Wydett Williams** (Arizona Cardinals) are on NFL rosters and were part of the lawsuit.

NFL teams are deep into training camp, and rosters have to be cut to 53 players by Aug. 30. Many who don't make those clubs could look for a fallback plan in college football, barring a successful appeal by the NCAA.

According to ESPN, 16 football players were part of the lawsuit that included 33 athletes across several sports who are seeking a fifth year of eligibility.

The NCAA has been dealt legal setbacks regarding its eligibility rules. …

A deputy with the Boulder County Sheriff's Office showed up at the University of Colorado campus last week to serve civil papers to **Deion Sanders** while the football coach was at an open practice and inaccessible.

The officer was informed that the Buffaloes coach was "unavailable at the time to receive receipt of the papers," a spokesperson with the sheriff's office said. Sanders is being subpoenaed to testify as part of a bankruptcy trial involving his son, **Shilo**, that begins on Aug. 31, according to USA Today.

The Colorado athletic department had no additional information. The Buffaloes open the season on Sept. 3 at Georgia Tech.

The deputy arrived on campus at 10:22 a.m. on Aug. 11 with civil papers. It was the day the Buffaloes held an open practice with specific rules in place that nothing observed could be reported, published or shared.

Carrie Haverfield, a senior communications specialist for the sheriff's office, wrote in an email to the Associated Press that it's not uncommon for civil papers to take several attempts to serve. …

ACC rivals North Carolina and North Carolina State will meet in a nonconference men's basketball game in Greensboro on Dec. 15.

The schools announced the scheduling of the neutral site Tobacco Road Classic several months after the ACC reduced its conference slate from 20 to 18 games. That, along with more teams as part of ACC expansion, has eliminated the guarantee of a home-and-home series.

Last season was the first time since 1919 that the Tar Heels and Wolfpack played just once. They were scheduled to only play in Chapel Hill this upcoming season in ACC play.

HOCKEY

Morrow, Rangers agree to a one-year contract

The New York Rangers agreed to terms with defenseman **Scott Morrow** to a one-year deal.

Morrow, 23, recorded six assists in 29 games in his first season with the Rangers in 2025-26.

He added 19 points (five goals, 14 assists) in 34 games with the AHL's Hartford Wolf Pack.

A second-round pick by Carolina in 2021, Morrow has compiled 12 points (one goal, 11 assists) in 45 career NHL games with the Hurricanes and Rangers.

TENNIS

Paul, Pegula advance to Cincinnati quarters

Tommy Paul and **Jessica Pegula** notched three-set victories, highlighting a big day for Americans at the Cincinnati Open in Mason, Ohio.

Paul rallied from a set down to beat French Open champion and top seed **Alexander Zverev**, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, in a match delayed nearly 90 minutes by rain during the second set. He will face **Flavio Cobolli** in the quarterfinals.

Cobolli rallied to defeat **Rafael Jodar**, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, to reach his first Cincinnati quarterfinal.

Pegula outlasted Romanian **Sorana Cirstea**, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, for her WTA Tour-leading 43rd win of 2026. It's Pegula's fourth quarterfinal appearance in Cincinnati.

Pegula will face fellow American **Amanda Anisimova**, who beat Wimbledon champion **Linda Noskova**, 6-1, 6-4.

Fourth-ranked **Coco Gauff** defeated **Marie Bouzkova**, 6-3, 6-2. Gauff had six-double faults but got past Bouzkova in 1 hour, 33 minutes. Gauff won the title in 2023.

Madison Keys became the fourth American woman to reach the quarterfinals with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over **Xiyu Wang**. It's the most American women to reach the quarterfinals in Cincinnati since 2004.

Taylor Fritz, the highest-ranked American man remaining in the tournament, beat Australian **Christopher O'Connell** in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

American **Brandon Nakashima** beat **Nuno Borges**, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, making it back-to-back quarterfinal appearances.

Iga Swiatek beat France's **Diane Perry**, 6-3, 6-3 to extend her winning streak to nine matches. Swiatek, the defending champion, will now face No. 2 **Elena Rybakina**, who's yet to drop a set.

Marta Kostyuk rallied to defeat 19-year-old **Mirra Andreeva**, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2, to avenge a loss to her in the semifinals at Roland Garros.

Thiago Tirante, advanced with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over **Jakub Mensik**.

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NOTES

Vea, Bucs end impasse with deal for $30M in new money

From News Services

Vita Vea got his big payday, and the Bucs got their big man locked up through the next two seasons.

The 31-year-old defensive tackle agreed to a deal that will pay him $30 million in new money. He was set to earn $18 million this season and received a $6 million increase for 2026, bringing the total to $24 million. He also will earn $24 million for 2027.

Vea had asked for a trade at the start of training camp when he could not reach an agreement on a contract extension.

The Bucs say he sustained a "tweak" in his back during a team run shortly after reporting and has not participated in practice.

General Manager Jason Licht, addressing the issue the first week of training camp, said he had no plans to trade Vea.

After the agreement Wednesday night, Licht called Vea a "dominant force" in the Bucs defense.

"Vita is exactly the type of player and person we want to build around in Tampa Bay," Licht said in a statement released by the team. "He has been a dominant force in the middle of our defense, an exceptional teammate and a tremendous leader in the locker room.

The fully guaranteed agreement makes Vea the 13th highest-paid defensive lineman, tying him with the Panthers' Derrick Brown, according to Spotrac.

MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Defensive tackle Vita Vea had asked for a trade when he could not reach an agreement on a extension.

The Bucs invested heavily to improve their defense in the offseason, especially buttressing their front seven.

In addition to being one of the league's premier run stoppers, Vea's 34 sacks are 10th in the league among defensive tackles since 2018.

He's played 112 games with 107 starts over the past eight seasons, recording 256 tackles, 35 sacks (which rank eighth in club history), 79 quarterback hits, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

SEAHAWKS: The team signed cornerback Trevon Diggs to a one-year deal, a person with knowledge of the deal told the Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the terms hadn't been announced.

In joining the Super Bowl champions, the 27-year-old hopes to more closely resemble the player who had an NFL-leading 11 interceptions and earned all-pro honors in 2021.

"I'm looking to show that I'm still the best," Diggs said. "I'm looking to show that I just want to win and be there for my teammates and be a great teammate and be a great player."

Diggs made the Pro Bowl in 2021 and 2022 while with the Dallas Cowboys, but his performance has declined since, in part because of two major knee surgeries.

In late December, the Cowboys waived Diggs, who then joined the Green Bay Packers. But he was on the field for only one snap of the Packers' loss at Chicago in an NFC wild-card playoff game.

RAVENS: New center Danny Pinter went down with an injury during a full-team drill.

The veteran, who signed as a free agent after playing his first five seasons with the Indianapolis Colts and was in line for his first starting role in the NFL, left the facility with a large brace on his right leg. If Pinter winds up missing time, two other newcomers will likely be in competition for the spot.

Ethan Pocic, who started 57 games over the last four years for the Cleveland Browns, is still ramping up from a torn left Achilles tendon. Jovaughn Gwyn, who spent the last three years with the Atlanta Falcons, played there for new Ravens offensive line coach Dwayne Ledford.

TEXANS: Wide receiver Jayden Higgins is expected to miss the season with a torn ACL, according to a person with knowledge of his injury.

The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the Texans haven't announced the severity of his injury.

Higgins fell awkwardly while running a route during a joint practice with the Las Vegas Raiders on Tuesday in Houston.

He had 41 catches for 525 yards and six touchdowns as a rookie last season.

JAGUARS: Jacksonville acquired guard Daniel Faalele from the New York Giants following a rash of injuries on their offensive line, giving up a 2027 sixth-round draft pick for Faalele, a 6-foot-8, 380-pound lineman.

To make room for Faalele, the Jaguars waived offensive lineman Timothy McKay. The Giants filled their opening by claiming defensive tackle Ben Barten off waivers from the New York Jets.

CHARGERS: Former Washington center Tyler Biadasz injured his left knee in the team's joint practice with the San Francisco 49ers. Biadasz signed with Los Angeles in March after starting 31 games over two seasons with the Commanders before being released.

The Commanders' newest members of the defensive line are fitting in quickly

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mains on the physically unable to perform list as he returns from a quad injury. Once he's back, he'll give the Commanders a strong run defender who's capable of setting the edge.

Washington is also well positioned on the interior. Defensive tackles Daron Payne and Javon Kinlaw provide stout run defense, and the coaching staff hopes they can generate more pass rush production this season.

Nose tackle Tim Settle is another run stuffer, while Omenihu brings more pass rush juice to the group when he's playing inside. The Commanders are well equipped to constantly rotate their defensive line and help players remain fresh without suffering a dramatic drop-off.

A versatile approach

New defensive coordinator Daronte Jones has transitioned the Commanders to operating out of the 3-4 base. While they'll still spend most of their time in a nickel package, the shift has significantly changed how the defensive front lines up.

"I liked the versatility. We have the ability to be in three-down, five-down and four-down packages," Quinn said. "That takes training. I thought [defensive line coach] Eric Henderson has done a nice job with the interior guys. You've seen Payne and [Kinlaw] out on the edges, which is a nice matchup to see that type of size and strength playing over tight ends."

The outside linebackers may line up with their hand in the ground, stand up to rush off the edge or drop into pass coverage. Defensive ends can line up out wide but also slide inside as 4-3 defensive tackles.

In the pass game, that allows the defensive linemen to take advantage of blocking mismatches for the offense and create more one-on-one opportunities. In the run game, it makes it easier for them to occupy gaps.

"Just getting one-on-ones," Oweh said. "Attack style. Letting us go frontwards instead of backwards too much. We're still going to be dropping a few [times], and I'm cool with that because it keeps the offense on their toes. But [we're keeping] that attack mindset."

The vision is to force the offense to react to the defense rather than the other way around.

NICK WASS/AP

The Commanders recently signed defensive tackle Byron Cowart, shown grabbing Dolphins quarterback Malik Willis during Friday's game, to shore up depth on their line.

If that comes to fruition, it'll free up the defensive linemen to play with a different level of speed and aggression.

"We still need a lot of work on pass rush and games and stunts," Quinn said. "That takes timing. … Those will be some things that I'm looking to see more of. It was nice to see the guys work together in the [joint] practice because most of it was unscripted — just play ball, and see the guys go."

The chemistry is building

While there are a lot of new faces on the defensive line, they've meshed quickly. In addition to ensuring they're on the same page in the meeting room and communicating on the practice field, Kinlaw said they've also been intentional about spending time together away from the facility.

The best defensive linemen in the NFL play well off one another rather than act as individuals. It reduces hesitation and lessens blown assignments.

"That's an underrated aspect of it, too," Oweh said. "Obviously, each guy has a different way they rush, and each guy has a different way how wide they rush, how tight they rush. If they get stalled, what do they do? So, as an edge, you got to rush in a way that you're seeing the whole picture."

Injury updates

Center Nick Allegretti returned to practice Tuesday after an extended absence because of a calf injury. He's an experienced player, but the missed time had added significance given that he's transitioning from guard to center this year. Allegretti said he felt comfortable on the practice field, which he credited to mental reps.

"Making the IDs from the sideline, seeing the [defensive line] games, seeing the pressures — that helps a ton," Allegretti said Tuesday. "The mental rep aspect, it's a cliché, but you really can get good work if you're locked in from the sideline or watching tape."

Quarterback Marcus Mariota (MCL); running backs Jeremy McNichols (quad) and Rachaad White (undisclosed); left tackle Laremy Tunsil (triceps); linebackers Jordan Magee (shoulder), Chaisson (knee) and Oweh (calf); defensive tackles Jer'Zhan Newton (pectoral) and Settle (calf); and cornerback Trey Amos (ankle) missed practice Tuesday and Wednesday.

Quinn said Newton suffered his injury in the preseason opener and is in New York having the severity evaluated. It could be significant.

Magee also was injured against the Dolphins. He won't play against the Lions, but Quinn said the injury shouldn't linger into the season.

The outlook for Chaisson and Oweh has not yet been determined, but their injuries appear to be minor.

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BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	74	53	.583	—	4-6	L-3
Philadelphia	70	58	.547	4½	8-2	W-6
Miami	64	64	.500	10½	5-5	L-3
Washington	61	67	.477	13½	4-6	W-1
New York	58	70	.453	16½	7-3	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	78	49	.614	—	5-5	L-1
Chicago	74	54	.578	4½	6-4	L-1
St. Louis	65	63	.508	13½	6-4	L-1
Pittsburgh	63	66	.488	16	5-5	W-2
Cincinnati	61	66	.480	17	5-5	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	76	51	.598	—	6-4	W-2
San Diego	68	60	.531	8½	7-3	L-1
Arizona	67	61	.523	9½	5-5	W-1
San Francisco	52	74	.413	23½	3-7	W-1
x-Colorado	50	76	.397	25½	5-5	L-2

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	76	50	.603	—	6-4	W-1
New York	71	55	.563	5	6-4	W-3
Boston	68	59	.535	8½	4-6	L-1
Toronto	62	66	.484	15	6-4	L-1
Baltimore	61	66	.480	15½	5-5	L-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Chicago	66	60	.524	—	6-4	W-1
Minnesota	63	65	.492	4	5-5	W-3
Cleveland	61	66	.480	5½	3-7	L-1
Detroit	61	66	.480	5½	4-6	L-2
Kansas City	54	74	.422	13	5-5	W-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Houston	63	63	.500	—	4-6	L-3
Texas	62	65	.488	1½	3-7	L-1
Seattle	60	67	.472	3½	4-6	W-1
x-Los Angeles	50	76	.397	13	5-5	W-1
Athletics	49	78	.386	14½	3-7	L-3

x-Late game

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Wednesday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	OBA	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Wiemer	.286	.398	20	3	12	12	29
García	.283	.313	101	23	76	16	61
Abrams	.280	.355	130	29	91	46	123
Ortiz	.279	.295	12	5	9	1	10
Ruiz	.275	.311	72	7	41	13	33
Pinckney	.273	.357	3	1	2	1	3
Wood	.265	.393	116	30	73	90	153
Mead	.254	.352	72	17	48	39	62
Young	.249	.312	85	10	43	25	64
Lile	.245	.295	117	15	65	29	97
Vivas	.241	.332	55	3	20	29	38
House	.236	.290	54	9	31	15	72
Tena	.235	.311	51	6	21	21	73
Chaparro	.232	.348	26	7	29	16	31
Nuñez	.228	.313	82	1	34	44	85
Crews	.212	.284	59	10	27	21	73
Ford	.212	.317	11	2	7	7	18
Millas	.185	.277	24	2	11	14	37

PITCHERS	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Dion	0.00	8	1	0	2	8
Yean	1.80	10	5	2	2	6
Williams	1.84	14.2	13	3	3	19
Fernández	2.25	4	3	1	2	3
Poulin	2.70	36.2	27	11	21	25
Griffin	3.06	129.1	109	44	30	116
Cavalli	3.36	136.2	129	51	41	151
Ribalta	3.41	37	29	14	14	33
Beeter	3.55	38	24	15	24	39
Alvarez	3.72	75	67	31	33	69
Cosgrove	3.75	12	12	5	3	10
Lovelady	3.91	23	26	10	17	21
Lord	4.04	62.1	53	28	25	57
Lawrence	4.26	6.1	7	3	7	6
Littell	4.97	112.1	115	62	35	70
Cornelio	5.40	20	17	12	20	20
Irvin	5.80	71.1	66	46	31	72
Mikolas	5.82	116	137	75	23	58
Pérez	6.19	16	16	11	11	9
Bird	6.23	4.1	5	3	2	6
Schultz	6.40	32.1	43	23	12	32
Parker	6.58	39.2	46	29	13	34
Z.Kent	6.75	10.2	14	8	2	9
Waldichuk	6.75	9.1	8	7	6	8
Varland	6.82	31.2	43	24	15	30
Kranick	6.94	11.2	16	9	6	7
Palmquist	7.71	16.1	21	14	8	15

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Chi. Cubs	74	53	.583	+6
Philadelphia	70	58	.547	+2
San Diego	68	60	.531	—
Arizona	67	61	.523	1
St. Louis	65	63	.508	3
Miami	64	64	.500	4
Pittsburgh	63	66	.488	5½

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
N.Y. Yankees	71	55	.563	+9
Boston	68	59	.535	+5½
Minnesota	63	65	.492	—
Texas	62	65	.488	½
Toronto	62	66	.484	1
Baltimore	61	66	.480	1½
Cleveland	61	66	.480	1½
Detroit	61	66	.480	1½
Seattle	60	67	.472	2½

NL leaders

BATTING

Arraez, Phi	.317
Moreno, Ari	.308
Gonzales, Pit	.308
Lopez, Mia	.308
Freeman, LA	.304
McCarthy, Col	.295
Ohtani, LA	.294
Rumfield, Col	.293

HOME RUNS

Schwarber, Phi	37
Olson, Atl	36
Goodman, Col	34
Crow-Armstrong, Chi	31
Wood, Was	30
Ohtani, LA	30
Abrams, Was	29
Lowe, Pit	26
Stewart, Cin	26

RBI

Burleson, StL	92
Abrams, Was	91
Stewart, Cin	91
Walker, StL	88
Ohtani, LA	80
Pages, LA	80
Lowe, Pit	79
Crow-Armstrong, Chi	79
Olson, Atl	77

ERA

Misiorowski, Mil	1.75
Sale, Atl	2.16
Burns, Cin	2.47
Sánchez, Phi	2.51
Yamamoto, LA	2.60
Rodriguez, Ari	2.71
Ray, SD	3.20
Luzardo, Phi	3.23
McLean, NY	3.34

SAVES

O'Brien, StL	32
Miller, SD	31
Duran, Phi	27
Iglesias, Atl	25
Megill, Mil	22
Fairbanks, Mia	18
Scott, LA	17

STRIKEOUTS

Misiorowski, Mil	210
Sánchez, Phi	187
Luzardo, Phi	185
Skenes, Pit	166
McLean, NY	162
Sale, Atl	160
Ashcraft, Pit	159
Burns, Cin	151
Cavalli, Was	151

AL leaders

BATTING

Alvarez, Hou	.318
Simpson, TB	.310
Díaz, TB	.306
Jung, Tex	.294
Witt, KC	.287
Rafaela, Bos	.287
DeLauter, Cle	.285
Aranda, TB	.285
Clement, Tor	.285

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, Hou	36
Caminero, TB	35
Rice, NY	33
Murakami, Chi	29
Vargas, Chi	28
Alonso, Bal	28
Dingler, Det	26
Montgomery, Chi	26

RBI

Alvarez, Hou	88
Dingler, Det	82
Alonso, Bal	81
Caminero, TB	79
Rice, NY	78
Bell, Min	76
Aranda, TB	76
Contreras, Bos	74

ERA

Schlittler, NY	2.19
Cease, Tor	2.42
Messick, Cle	2.59
Gray, Bos	2.65
Rasmussen, TB	2.78
Martinez, TB	3.05
Burke, Chi	3.15
Soriano, Tor	3.23

SAVES

Baker, TB	35
Smith, Cle	31
Bednar, NY	28
Varland, Tor	28
Chapman, Bos	27
Latz, Tex	24
Muñoz, Sea	22
Gómez, Min	19

STRIKEOUTS

Cease, Tor	201
Williams, Cle	190
Schlittler, NY	189
Detmers, LA	167
Burke, Chi	154
Gore, Tex	154
Gilbert, Sea	152
Bradley, Min	151
deGrom, Tex	147

Pirates 4, Tigers 3

Brandon Lowe homered off Detroit closer Kenley Jansen with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Pittsburgh to a victory over the Tigers.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Keith dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.270
Valencia ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.356
Torres 2b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.271
McGonigle ss	3	0	1	2	0	1	.282
Dingler c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Callahan lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.364
Malgeri ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.254
McKinstry rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.222
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.224
Clark cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.271
Lee 3b	2	2	1	0	2	1	.276
TOTALS	31	3	7	3	5	11	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Horwitz 1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Lowe dh	3	2	1	1	2	1	.253
Reynolds lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.261
E.Valdez rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.245
Cruz cf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.266
Gonzales 2b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.310
Gonzalez ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.230
Yorke ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Triolo 3b-ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Mangum ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.298
Davis c	0	0	0	0	1	0	.170
Flores ph-c	2	2	2	2	0	0	.313
TOTALS	32	4	8	4	5	8	—

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Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Gonzales (13), Flores (1). **LOB:** Detroit 7, Pittsburgh 8. **2B:** Clark (3), McGonigle (22). **HR:** Flores (5), off Waguespack; Flores (6), off Jansen; Lowe (27), off Jansen.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jobe	5⅓	4	1	1	3	3	4.50
Holton	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	3.07
Waguespack	⅔	1	1	1	0	0	1.95
Sommers	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.38
Finnegan	1	0	0	0	2	1	3.27
Jansen	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	4.19

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skenes	4⅓	4	3	3	4	5	3.95
Soto	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	3.48
Doval	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.07
Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.25
Montgomery	1	2	0	0	0	2	3.40

WP: Montgomery (5-3); **LP:** Jansen (3-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Soto 2-1. **HBP:** Jobe (Davis). ABS Challenge_Keith (Strike-Overturned to Ball). **T:** 2:52. **A:** 18,208 (38,753).

Twins 6, Braves 4

Kody Clemens and Brooks Lee had RBI singles in the seventh inning and Minnesota beat Atlanta.

Clemens drove in three runs and Kaelen Culpepper added three hits for the Twins.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña rf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.240
Baldwin c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Olson 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.263
Harris cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.291
Smith dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	.261
Thomas ph-dh	2	1	1	1	0	1	.231
Albies 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.251
Yastrzemski lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.227
Dubón ph-lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.260
Riley 3b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.221
Jarvis ss	2	0	0	0	2	1	.213
TOTALS	33	4	7	3	4	14	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Keaschall rf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.272
Buxton cf	4	1	0	1	1	1	.256
Bell dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	.258
Clemens 2b-lf	4	1	2	3	0	0	.236
Lewis 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Jeffers ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.283
B.Lee 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.244
Caratini c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.225
Culpepper ss	4	1	3	0	0	0	.314
TOTALS	34	6	10	6	4	4	—

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E: Jarvis (7). **LOB:** Atlanta 7, Minnesota 8. **2B:** Albies (23), Clemens (21), Bell (26).

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smith-Shawver	4⅓	5	4	4	3	3	6.23
Dodd	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	2.27
Mederos	1⅓	2	1	1	0	0	3.68
D.Lee	⅔	2	1	1	1	0	2.05
Kerr	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley	5	2	1	1	3	7	3.90
Funderburk	⅓	3	3	3	0	0	3.35
Nance	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.11
Minter	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	1.99
Hoffman	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.76
Gómez	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.20

WP: Minter (2-2); **LP:** Mederos (2-1); **S:** Gómez (20). **Inherited runners-scored:** Dodd 3-2, D.Lee 1-1, Nance 1-1. **IBB:** off D.Lee (Jeffers). ABS Challenge_Smith-Shawver (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Pitch timer violations_Lee (pitcher). Ejected_Weiss. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 20,316 (38,544).

Phillies 4, Marlins 1

Luis Arraez homered, Garrett Stubbs had two hits and an RBI and Aaron Nola tossed seven strong innings as Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep of Miami.

Arraez had a pair of hits, including a two-run homer, his sixth of the season, off Marlins starter Sandy Alcantara.

Jhoan Duran pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his 28th save.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Marsee cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Lopez ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.308
Edwards 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.288
Conine 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.272
Hernández lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Caissie dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Ruiz rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Mack c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.236
Sanoja 3b	3	1	3	1	0	0	.278
TOTALS	34	1	7	1	1	10	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	1	0	0	0	0	.244
Turner ss	4	0	2	1	0	1	.248
Harper rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.260
Hill rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Arraez 2b	4	2	2	2	0	0	.319
Bohm 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Stott 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Marsh lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.274
Crawford cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.270
Stubbs c	3	0	2	1	0	0	.159
TOTALS	33	4	10	4	1	1	—

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LOB: Miami 7, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Turner (22). **HR:** Sanoja (6), off Nola; Arraez (6), off Alcantara.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alcantara	6	8	3	3	1	1	3.46
King	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.99
Vodnik	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.02

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola	7	5	1	1	0	8	5.12
Bowlan	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.89
Duran	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.79

WP: Nola (5-9); **LP:** Alcantara (13-8); **S:** Duran (28). ABS Challenge_Turner (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:35. **A:** 37,031 (42,901).

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Raise the jolly roger

The Pirates douse Brandon Lowe with water and Gatorade after his ninth-inning walk-off homer to beat the Tigers, 4-3. The series win helps Pittsburgh stay within earshot of the National League wild-card race.

White Sox 3, Cubs 0

José Urquidy pitched six innings of crisp, two-hit relief, rookie Braden Montgomery drove in two runs and the White Sox topped the crosstown Cubs.

Montgomery had two hits, including a two-run double off the glove of Michael Busch in the eighth inning.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Antonacci lf	3	0	0	0	2	1	.271
Doyle cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Murakami 1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Vargas 3b	3	2	2	0	2	0	.242
Benintendi dh	2	0	1	1	1	0	.248
Grichuk ph-dh	2	1	1	0	0	0	.277
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	2	2	0	0	.238
C.Montgomery ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.217
Meidroth 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Peters cf-lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Rogers c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.175
TOTALS	34	3	9	3	6	5	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crow-Armstrong dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Suzuki rf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.268
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Busch 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Hoerner ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Ramirez 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.285
Kelly c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.214
T.Taylor cf	2	0	2	0	0	0	.246
Conforto ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.222
TOTALS	27	0	2	0	3	10	—

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LOB: Chicago (A) 10, Chicago (N) 3. **2B:** Vargas (29), Grichuk (20), B.Montgomery (11), T.Taylor (9).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Newcomb	2	0	0	0	2	0	2.44
Urquidy	6	2	0	0	0	8	5.06
G.Taylor	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.05

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Holmes	5⅓	6	1	1	2	1	2.49
Thielbar	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	5.35
Thornton	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.52
Rolison	⅔	2	2	2	1	0	2.86
Civale	1⅓	0	0	0	3	2	4.86

WP: Urquidy (2-1); **LP:** Holmes (5-6); **S:** G.Taylor (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Thielbar 1-0, Civale 1-0. **IBB:** off Civale (Vargas). ABS Challenge_Holmes (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Pitch timer violations_Urquidy (pitcher) **T:** 2:29. **A:** 40,086 (41,363).

Giants 1, Guardians 0

Victor Bericoto had an RBI single, Matt Wilkinson worked two innings as an opener in his major league debut against the team that drafted the left-hander, and San Francisco beat Cleveland.

Willy Adames had three singles for the Giants, and Jung Hoo Lee added a single and a double.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Cox cf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.256
Devers dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.244
Adames ss	4	0	3	0	0	0	.229
Eldridge 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.247
Bericoto lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.260
Gilbert ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Lee rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.294
Basabe 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Cavanaugh c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Koss 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.195
TOTALS	34	1	7	1	0	15	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.264
Ramírez dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Lowe 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.266
Martínez rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.241
Bazzana 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Genao 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.341
Halpin cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Hedges c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.265
Bailey ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.183
Rocchio ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.251
TOTALS	33	0	6	0	2	8	—

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E: Adames (17). **LOB:** San Francisco 6, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Devers (31), Lee (27), Bazzana (16).

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wilkinson	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Houser	5	4	0	0	2	3	4.08
D.Smith	2	1	0	0	0	5	2.73

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Messick	6⅔	6	1	1	0	10	2.54
Gaddis	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.46
Sabrowski	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.34
C.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.25

WP: Houser (4-7); **LP:** Messick (9-8); **S:** D.Smith (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** D.Smith 1-0, Gaddis 1-0. **WP:** D.Smith, Messick. ABS Challenge_Houser (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:19. **A:** 20,021 (34,788).

Diamondbacks 7, Red Sox 6 (10)

Nolan Arenado hit a tie-breaking broken-bat bloop single over a drawn-in infield to spark a two-run 10th inning, and Arizona beat Boston.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vargas 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Carroll rf	4	1	1	0	1	2	.246
Moreno c	4	1	1	2	1	2	.307
Perdomo ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Arenado dh	5	1	2	1	0	3	.243
Kepler pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.216
Tawa 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.235
Lawlar cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Nootbaar ph-lf	2	1	1	2	0	0	.221
McCann ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.296
Barrosa cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Fernandez 3b	4	1	2	1	1	1	.261
Waldschmidt lf-cf-lf	3	1	2	1	2	0	.279
TOTALS	36	7	10	7	8	10	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Sogard 2b	4	1	2	1	1	1	.268
Rafaela cf	5	1	0	0	0	2	.284
Abreu rf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.257
Contreras 1b	5	1	2	1	0	2	.284
Durbin 3b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Gasper dh	3	1	1	3	0	1	.256
Monasterio ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Duran lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.206
Wong c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Rutschman ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.245
TOTALS	38	6	9	6	2	10	—

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LOB: Arizona 9, Boston 6. **2B:** Fernandez 2 (9), Waldschmidt (14), Moreno (26). **HR:** Nootbaar (4), off Weissert; Sogard (1), off Pfaadt; Duran (17), off Pfaadt; Gasper (3), off Pfaadt.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pfaadt	5⅔	7	5	5	0	8	3.39
Morillo	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.32
Garcia	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.48
Ginkel	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.86
Loáisiga	2	1	1	0	0	0	2.63

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Tolle	5	6	3	3	2	6	3.08
Weissert	1	2	2	2	1	1	4.10
Miller	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.25
Guerrero	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.94
Chapman	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.94
Morán	1	1	2	1	3	0	3.06

WP: Loáisiga (4-3); **LP:** Morán (2-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Garcia 2-0, Ginkel 1-0. **HBP:** Garcia (Jones). ABS Challenge_Pfaadt (Ball-Confirmed) **T:** 3:20. **A:** 36,540 (37,755).

Rays 7, Blue Jays 6

Yandy Díaz hit a two-run homer, Drew Rasmussen earned his sixth consecutive win, and Bryan Baker converted his 25th straight save opportunity to lead Tampa Bay to a win over Toronto.

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bateman cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Straw ph-cf	1	1	0	0	1	0	.219
Springer ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Lukes rf	4	0	0	1	0	3	.259
Kirk dh	5	1	2	2	0	0	.282
Okamoto 1b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.228
Giménez ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Sánchez lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Cameron ph-lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.333
Smith 2b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.220
Valenzuela c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.225
McAdoo 3b	4	1	3	2	0	0	.292
TOTALS	35	6	9	6	3	7	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Simpson lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.309
Caminero 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.274
Aranda 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Díaz dh	3	2	1	2	1	0	.306
Hicks c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.284
Mullins cf	2	1	0	0	2	0	.209
Vilade rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.259
DeLuca rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Palacios 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.243
Walls ss	2	1	1	1	0	0	.224
TOTALS	31	7	8	7	3	5	—

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E: Baker (1). **LOB:** Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 4. **2B:** McAdoo (2), Caminero (19), Palacios (12). **HR:** Kirk (7), off Rasmussen; Díaz (19), off Scherzer.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	4	5	7	7	3	1	7.40
Fisher	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.52
Little	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	9.00
Sewald	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	5.93
Fluharty	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.71
Rogers	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.54

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen	5	7	5	5	2	5	3.01
Booser	⅔	1	1	1	0	0	2.10
Kelly	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	1.86
Wells	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.79
Baker	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.44

WP: Rasmussen (13-5); **LP:** Scherzer (1-6); **S:** Baker (36). **Inherited runners-scored:** Sewald 1-0, Kelly 1-1. **WP:** Scherzer. ABS Challenge_Scherzer (Ball-Confirmed) **T:** 2:38. **A:** 13,015 (25,025).

Yankees 5, Orioles 3

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.224
Rice dh	5	1	2	1	0	2	.251
García 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Ramos lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.242
Chisholm 2b	2	2	1	0	2	0	.216
Jones rf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.212
McMahon 3b	3	0	1	1	0	1	.216
Lombard ss	3	0	2	2	0	1	.318
Wells c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.175
TOTALS	33	5	10	4	3	10	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Holliday 2b	4	1	0	0	1	0	.235
Alonso dh	4	1	1	1	0	2	.267
Henderson ss	3	0	1	0	1	1	.220
Basallo 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Mayo 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.211
Beavers lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.238
Taveras rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.232
Cowser cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Narváez c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.170
O'Neill ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Pozo c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Encarnacion-Strand ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.259
TOTALS	33	3	6	2	3	11	—

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LOB: New York 7, Baltimore 7. **2B:** Henderson (23), Taveras (13). **HR:** Rice (34), off Bassitt; Alonso (29), off Warren; Beavers (4), off Cruz. **RBI:** McMahon (32), Lombard 2 (5), Rice (79), Alonso (82), Beavers (25). **SB:** Henderson (10), Holliday (7), Chisholm (33). **CS:** Grisham (2). **SF:** Lombard.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Warren	4	3	2	2	2	5	4.43
Hill	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.41
Cruz	⅔	2	1	1	0	2	2.92
Headrick	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.55
Blackburn	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.80
Bednar	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.40

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt	5⅔	8	3	3	1	6	5.08
Wolfram	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	5.54
Garcia	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.35
Sanders	⅔	0	2	2	1	1	6.38
Cano	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.24
Hoppe	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.86

WP: Headrick (7-2); **LP:** Sanders (1-1); **S:** Bednar (29). **Inherited runners-scored:** Wolfram 1-0, Cano 3-2. **HBP:** Warren (Basallo), Sanders 2 (Ramos,Caballero). **WP:** Cano. ABS Challenge_Alonso (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Bassitt (pitcher). **T:** 3:12. **A:** 26,453 (45,971).

Reds 5, Cardinals 4

Sal Stewart hit a three-run home run and Cincinnati added runs on a throwing error and an infield hit, rallying for a win over St. Louis.

Stewart is the third-fastest Reds players to surpass 100 RBI since 1920.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wetherholt 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.243
Herrera dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.244
Burleson 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.289
Walker rf	4	1	1	2	1	3	.288
Church cf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.235
Fermín ph-cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.242
Winn ss	4	0	0	0	1	2	.239
Torres lf	2	0	1	1	0	0	.234
Báez ph-lf	1	0	1	0	1	0	.182
Jordan 3b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.248
Crooks c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.176
TOTALS	35	4	9	4	6	12	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.259
Stewart 1b	3	1	1	3	1	1	.259
Myers cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.260
Suárez 3b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.206
Stephenson dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Toglia rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.136
Friedl lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.157
Bleday lf-rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.218
Trevino c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.245
McLain 2b	3	2	3	0	0	0	.199
TOTALS	31	5	7	4	2	12	—

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E: Jordan (5). **LOB:** St. Louis 11, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Wetherholt (14), Fermín (13), McLain (17). **HR:** Walker (25), off Pagán; Stewart (27), off Liberatore.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Liberatore	6	4	3	3	0	9	5.04
Gastelum	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.49
Bruihl	1	3	2	2	2	1	3.50

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burns	5	6	2	2	2	8	2.51
Moll	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.47
Burke	1	0	0	0	2	0	2.76
Mey	1	0	0	0	1	3	3.44
Pagán	1	2	2	2	0	0	4.30

WP: Moll (2-7); **LP:** Liberatore (5-11); **S:** Pagán (16). **IBB:** off Bruihl (Stewart). **HBP:** Pagán (Wetherholt). **WP:** Bruihl, Burns, Burke, Pagán. ABS Challenge_Toglia (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Bruihl (pitcher). **T:** 2:56. **A:** 16,097 (43,891).

Alonso's late homer nixed in Orioles loss

YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 3

BY MATT WEYRICH

BALTIMORE — Pete Alonso held on to his bat as he shuffled down the first base line, watching a flyball off his bat sail deep down the left field line. He then saw it land and chucked the lumber in celebration as the Baltimore Orioles' dugout behind him erupted. It was a go-ahead home run to put the Orioles in front of the New York Yankees in the seventh inning.

Except it wasn't. Third base umpire Will Little ruled the ball was foul. The play then went to replay review, and MLB's Replay Command Center in New York didn't find sufficient enough evidence to overturn the call.

The call loomed large as the Yankees would go on to score two runs in the eighth and win the game, 5-3. An infield single by shortstop George Lombard Jr. off Cam Sanders with the bases loaded was the decisive blow, and Yennier Cano allowed another run to cross on a wild pitch to hand Baltimore (61-66) its third straight loss.

New York (71-55) led for most of the evening, scoring a pair of first-inning runs off Orioles starter Chris Bassitt and extending its lead to 3-1 in the third on a solo home run by Ben Rice.

The Orioles scored their first run on a well-executed double steal in the first inning. Alonso then trimmed the Yankees' lead to one with a solo shot in the third for his 29th long ball of the season, and Dylan Beavers went to the opposite field off right-hander Fernando Cruz for a game-tying homer in the sixth.

That appeared to set the stage for Alonso's go-ahead knock, but the call didn't go their way.

— Baltimore Sun

Royals 9, Athletics 7

John Rave hit a tie-breaking, bases-clearing double during a seven-run eighth inning, and Kansas City rallied past the Athletics.

Royals starter Seth Lugo allowed five runs on nine hits in six innings.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bolte cf	5	2	2	1	0	1	.270
McNeil 2b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.264
Gelof lf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.273
Butler rf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.214
White 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Cortes dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.210
Walton ss	4	2	2	0	0	0	.280
Muncy 3b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.219
TOTALS	37	7	11	7	0	6	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Loftin 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.230
Collins ph-lf	1	0	0	1	0	0	.226
Witt ss	4	1	0	0	1	0	.284
Caglianone rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.279
Rave ph-rf	3	1	1	3	0	0	.207
Garcia 3b	5	1	2	1	0	0	.266
Pasquantino 1b	4	3	3	2	1	0	.243
Perez dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	.215
Jensen c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.221
Tolbert lf-2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.313
Isbel cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.229
TOTALS	33	9	11	9	6	2	—

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LOB: Athletics 3, Kansas City 8. **2B:** McNeil (16), Perez (18), Rave (5). **3B:** Garcia (3). **HR:** Muncy (6), off Cruz; Pasquantino (7), off Springs.

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Springs	5⅔	5	2	2	3	1	6.02
Blewett	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.93
Alvarado	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.50
Juenger	0	2	3	3	1	0	7.98
Rom	1	3	4	4	2	0	7.00

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lugo	6	9	5	5	0	3	4.71
Lange	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.98
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.38
Cruz	1	2	2	2	0	0	4.37

WP: Kimbrel (1-2); **LP:** Rom (1-1). Juenger pitched to 3 batters in the 8th **Inherited runners-scored:** Blewett 1-0, Rom 2-2. **IBB:** off Rom (Witt). **HBP:** Springs (Caglianone). ABS Challenge_Pasquantino (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Rom (pitcher). **T:** 2:29. **A:** 11,579 (38,427).

Mets 4, Padres 2

Carson Benge hit a two-run homer to conclude an impressive series, helping New York beat San Diego.

Kodai Senga allowed Gavin Sheets' pinch-hit RBI single in the ninth before locking down his fourth save.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tatis rf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.280
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.225
Machado dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.215
France 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.291
Merrill cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.240
Rengifo lf-3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.243
Campusano c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.301
Bogaerts ss	2	1	1	0	0	1	.220
Bowen lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.169
Sheets ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.214
Song 3b-ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.202
Hays ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.237
TOTALS	30	2	5	2	5	12	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ewing cf-lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.248
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.239
Bichette 3b	3	2	0	1	1	1	.266
Benge rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.272
Young 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.270
Alvarez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Baty lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Pache lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Robert ph-cf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.215
Semien 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.209
Torrens c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.239
TOTALS	30	4	7	4	3	4	—

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E: Song (1). **LOB:** San Diego 7, New York 5. **2B:** Bogaerts (12), Tatis (26), France (17). **HR:** Benge (15), off King.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
King	6⅔	4	2	2	2	4	3.38
Estrada	⅔	2	2	1	1	0	3.60
Matsui	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	2.22

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stock	4⅓	2	1	1	3	6	5.40
Pintaro	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	3.72
Lavender	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Warren	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.50
Duarte	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.84
Senga	1	2	1	1	1	0	7.82

WP: Lavender (1-0); **LP:** King (8-9); **S:** Senga (4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Estrada 2-0, Matsui 2-1, Pintaro 1-0, Lavender 1-0. **HBP:** Stock (Bogaerts). ABS Challenge_Campusano (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:49. **A:** 26,195 (42,136).

Mariners 7, Brewers 5

Dominic Canzone, Josh Naylor and Taylor Ward each drove in two runs as Seattle bounced back from an embarrassing loss by beating Milwaukee.

The Brewers' Joey Ortiz hit a two-run homer in the second inning and matched a career high with four RBI.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Donovan 3b	3	2	2	0	2	1	.266
Arozarena lf	4	2	1	0	0	1	.274
Canzone rf	4	2	2	2	1	1	.263
Robles rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Rodríguez cf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.253
Naylor 1b	5	0	3	2	0	0	.270
Young 2b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.256
Raleigh c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.156
Ward dh	4	0	1	2	0	2	.240
Rodden ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.294
TOTALS	35	7	10	7	5	11	—

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Turang 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.263
Chourio lf	5	0	3	0	0	1	.279
Bauers rf	5	0	0	0	0	4	.275
Contreras c	4	1	0	0	1	0	.257
Yelich dh	2	1	1	0	2	1	.230
Vaughn 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.303
Lara cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.242
Ortiz 3b	3	1	2	4	0	1	.252
Pratt ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.264
TOTALS	34	5	8	4	5	10	—

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E: Raleigh (3), Rodden (1). **LOB:** Seattle 8, Milwaukee 8. **2B:** Canzone (21). **3B:** Rodden (1). **HR:** Ortiz (7), off Gilbert.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert	5	4	3	3	4	5	3.35
Bazardo	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.00
Ferrer	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.63
Domínguez	⅔	2	2	2	1	0	4.95
Speier	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.76
Muñoz	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.27

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
May	2	7	7	7	2	1	4.57
Anderson	1	0	0	0	1	3	3.51
Hall	3	0	0	0	2	3	2.43
B.Wilson	2	2	0	0	0	2	4.40
Senzatela	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.88

WP: Gilbert (10-7); **LP:** May (6-8); **S:** Muñoz (23). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bazardo 2-1. **HBP:** May (Arozarena). **T:** 3:02. **A:** 34,564 (41,700).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Athletics: Reinstated LHP Jeffrey Springs from the 15-day injured list.

Brewers: Reinstates SS Cooper Pratt from the 10-day IL and optioned LF Brandon Lockridge to Class AAA Nashville.

Cubs: Agreed to terms with SS Jackson Cluff on a minor league contract.

Giants: Claimed LHP Philip Abner off waivers from Arizona, selected the contract of LHP Matt Wilkinson from Class AAA Sacramento and transferred CF Harrison Bader and C Daniel Susac from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.

Guardians: Recalled RF David Fry from Class AAA Columbus and placed 1B Rhys Hoskins on the 10-day IL.

Mets: Recalled 1B Eric Wagaman and RHP Chayce McDermott from Class AAA Syracuse and placed DH Jorge Polanco on the 10-day IL.

Orioles: Reinstated C Samuel Basallo from the IL and optioned 2B Jeremiah Jackson to Class AAA Norfolk.

Rays: Recalled C Kenny Piper and RHP Chris Roycroft from Class AAA Durham and placed RF Victor Mesa Jr. on the 10-day IL.

Red Sox: Sent 2B Isiah Kiner-Falefa on a rehab assignment to Class AAA Worcester.

TODAY

Interleague games

NATIONALS AT RANGERS, 8:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Alvarez (L)	2-4	3.72	4-6
deGrom (R)	8-8	3.95	12-11
GIANTS AT GUARDIANS, 1:10			
Roupp (R)	7-12	4.31	7-17
Williams (R)	11-7	3.74	14-11
BRAVES AT WHITE SOX, 2:10			
Holmes (R)	7-5	3.82	16-7
Kay (L)	9-5	4.00	14-9
MARINERS AT BREWERS, 2:10			
Kirby (R)	8-9	3.88	11-12
Gasser (L)	3-5	4.54	8-6

Interleague scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Texas 5, Washington 0
at Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1
at Cleveland 8, San Francisco 1
at Minnesota 4, Atlanta 1
at Boston 9, Arizona 4
at Milwaukee 22, Seattle 0
at Chicago Cubs 4, Chicago White Sox 3

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 6, at Texas 0
at Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 3
at Minnesota 6, Atlanta 4
Chicago White Sox 3, at Chicago Cubs 0
Arizona 7, at Boston 6 (10)
San Francisco 1, at Cleveland 0
Seattle 7, at Milwaukee 5

AL games

YANKEES AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Cole (R)	6-6	3.22	7-8
Bradish (R)	7-11	3.65	12-12
BLUE JAYS AT RAYS, 1:10			
Bieber (R)	4-2	4.99	5-5
Seymour (L)	9-3	4.11	6-4
ATHLETICS AT ROYALS, 2:10			
Jump (L)	5-7	4.50	7-8
Dobnak (R)	2-1	1.73	3-3
ANGELS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Rodriguez (R)	3-5	7.17	3-10
Lambert (R)	8-6	3.11	13-8

AL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Yankees 3, at Baltimore 1
Toronto 10, at Tampa Bay 5
at Kansas City 4, Athletics 3
L.A. Angels 3, at Houston 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Yankees 5 at Baltimore 3
at Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 6
at Kansas City 9, Athletics 7
L.A. Angels at Houston, late

NL game

CARDINALS AT REDS, 12:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
McGreevy (R)	5-9	3.48	12-12
Singer (R)	5-11	4.66	9-15

NL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 3, at Cincinnati 0
at Philadelphia 6, Miami 4
San Diego 5, at N.Y. Mets 2
L.A. Dodgers 7, at Colorado 6

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at N.Y. Mets 4, San Diego 2
at Philadelphia 4, Miami 1
at Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late

Manning is again facing Texas-sized expectations

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Carolina State), and added elite wide receiver Cam Coleman (Auburn).

Livingstone "was my roommate. So now playing against him is definitely a little bit of a change," Manning said. "I think that's just kind of how college football is now."

In an era of constant roster rebuilding, Texas seized the moment to build an offense where he could let it rip.

"I think strategically, there were some tough decisions to make," Sarkisian said. "But we made them. I think we all can agree that we're probably better around Arch today than we were a year ago at this time."

Manning also played a role. Sarkisian has said that Manning's sponsorship deals with Red Bull, Uber and other major brands meant he demands less money from Texas in revenue sharing. Manning reportedly agreed to take less from Texas this year so Sarkisian could spend it elsewhere.

All of that freed up several million dollars "that I can go get a Cam Coleman, go get a Hollywood Smothers and go get a [linebacker] Rasheem Biles," Sarkisian said.

The Manning hype or hate will fire up again quickly. Texas hosts Ohio State on Sept. 12 and opens SEC play Sept. 27 at Tennessee. Win those and he's likely topping the Heisman short lists again by October. And his potential draft status will be a conversation all season.

Lose them? Look out.

The buildup to the matchup with the Buckeyes will likely be a heavy dose of Manning's struggles in a season-opening loss in Columbus last year.

"I've obviously matured. I think going through those rough times, I learned a lot about myself. And I've become a better man because of it and hopefully a better player. I don't want to repeat that game," Manning said.

The game at Tennessee will be a trip down memory lane at the place where his uncle Peyton played.

When Mississippi comes to Austin on Oct. 24, the stories will be about his grandfather Archie and uncle Eli.

Archie Manning praised his grandson for the way he's handled everything thrown at him so far. College football analysts and critics were "unfair" because they "crowned him before he ever played," Archie Manning said. "So, he struggled a little bit. It happens when you play college football, playing at that level. But he kept his head down and kept fighting. I was really, really proud of him."

Sarkisian said the attention and negativity last season forged a better player.

"I think the way of what he got put through probably would have melted or destroyed 99 percent of people in his shoes. All he did was stay consistent and true to who he was, which was to continue to work hard, continue to be a great teammate, try to get better, and he did," Sarkisian said. "I think that he's grown into a great leader for us."

AP sportswriter Brett Martel contributed from New Orleans

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Former North Carolina State running back Hollywood Smothers, left, is among the offseason additions to Arch Manning's arsenal.

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Preseason No. 1 Ohio State boasts a prolific offense and has talented transfers ready to step in for eight departed starters on defense.

It's a football circus at the Big Ten top

Ohio State, Oregon have the hype — but Indiana has last year's CFP title

BY ERIC OLSON

The 2025 Indiana Hoosiers won the Big Ten and national championship and were the first team in the modern era to go 16-0. They have 10 starters back, the hottest coach in the game and a manageable schedule.

It's Ohio State and Oregon generating most of the preseason buzz, though, with both perched 1-2 atop the preseason Associated Press Top 25 poll and among eight ranked teams.

The consensus around the sport is that the Buckeyes and Ducks are loaded and the Hoosiers' roll is about to slow with TCU transfer Josh Hoover replacing Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 NFL draft pick Fernando Mendoza.

Doubt Coach Curt Cignetti at your own peril. He's 27-2 with two College Football Playoff appearances at Indiana and has yet to write a check his team can't cash.

Ohio State plays the toughest conference schedule. The Buckeyes visit Indiana on Oct. 17 and host Oregon on Nov. 7. Those games will go a long way in deciding which teams make the Big Ten title game in Indianapolis, not to mention impact CFP seeding.

The Buckeyes are built for what awaits. Jeremiah Smith is the most productive wide receiver in the nation, quarterback Julian Sayin is one of the most accurate passers and the offensive line is elite. There are plenty of talented transfers waiting to emerge for a defense replacing eight starters, all of whom were drafted.

Oregon is one of the nation's most seasoned teams with quarterback Dante Moore among six starters back on offense and tackle A'Mauri Washington and edge Matayo Uiagalelei leading a defense that returns eight starters.

Other potential challengers

Southern California Coach Lincoln Riley goes into the season with his best team on paper. The schedule is brutal with home games against Oregon and Ohio State and a trip to Indiana. Quarterback Jayden Maiava has made 17 straight starts.

Michigan is looking to improve on offense. Quarterback Bryce Underwood, who didn't live up to lofty expectations as a freshman, should progress with offensive coordinator Jason Beck coming with Kyle Whittingham from Utah.

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Coach Curt Cignetti is 27-2 with two College Football Playoff appearances in two seasons at Indiana.

Penn State first-year coach Matt Campbell brought 24 players with him from Iowa State, including quarterback Rocco Becht. The Nittany Lions don't have to play Ohio State, Oregon or Indiana.

Team on the rise

Washington got back dynamic quarterback Demond Williams Jr. after a kerfuffle with the school over pay. If the Huskies can rebuild what was one of the Big Ten's best defenses, their ascent under Jedd Fisch can continue.

And the rest

Maryland's Malik Washington is one of the great young quarterback talents but the Terrapins need their defense to spend less time on the field. …

Iowa has reeled off at least eight wins all but one non-pandemic season since 2013. Two inexperienced quarterbacks are battling for the starter's job and the defensive line must be rebuilt. …

Katin Houser, who has a combined 26 starts at Michigan State and East Carolina, becomes Illinois' fourth transfer to start at quarterback in Bret Bielema's six seasons. …

Minnesota has beaten a ranked opponent three straight years and is 7-0 in bowls since 2018. The Gophers will be a tough out again with returning quarterback Drake Lindsey and a dominant edge in Anthony Smith. …

Nebraska's Matt Rhule is 19-19 in three seasons, including 1-4 since he signed a two-year contract extension. No one plays a tougher October-November schedule. …

Wisconsin is counting on transfers Colton Joseph (QB, Old Dominion) and Abu Sama III (RB, Iowa State) to recharge an offense plagued by injuries. …

Quarterback Nico Iamaleava is back for UCLA, and 10 of the Bruins' 45 transfers followed Bob Chesney from James Madison. …

Northwestern brought in Chip Kelly as offensive coordinator and Jerry Neuheisel as quarterbacks coach to spark an offense that's last in Big Ten in yards per play (4.9) since 2023. …

Michigan State, 9-27 in Big Ten play since 2022, hopes to become relevant again with new coach Pat Fitzgerald. …

Rutgers' 22 victories in the Big Ten are the fewest among teams that have been in the conference since 2014. …

Purdue has lost 18 straight Big Ten games and beaten one FBS opponent (Ball State) the last two seasons. …

Mark your calendars

Wisconsin vs. Notre Dame, at Lambeau Field, Green Bay, Sept. 6; Oklahoma at Michigan, Sept. 12; Ohio State at Texas, Sept. 12; Oregon at USC, Sept. 26; USC at Penn State, Oct. 10; Ohio State at Indiana, Oct. 17; Ohio State at USC, Oct. 31; Oregon at Ohio State, Nov. 7; USC at Indiana, Nov. 14; Nebraska at Iowa, Nov. 27; Michigan at Ohio State, Nov. 28.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL preseason

THURSDAY, AUG. 6
HALL OF FAME GAME — IN CANTON, OHIO
Carolina 33, Arizona 30

WEEK 1
THURSDAY, AUG. 13
at Cincinnati 16, Detroit 14
at Pittsburgh 28, Green Bay 9
Indianapolis 13, at New England 13
L.A. Chargers 27, at Houston 7
Arizona 27, at Las Vegas 14
Tennessee 19, at San Francisco 13

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 20, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 24, at N.Y. Jets 16
Denver 27, at Atlanta 7

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 24, Philadelphia 7
Minnesota 13, at N.Y. Giants 10
at Buffalo 29, Carolina 14
at Chicago 34, Cleveland 10
Jacksonville 24, at New Orleans 20
L.A. Rams 20, at Kansas City 12
Dallas 17, at Seattle 7

WEEK 2
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Houston, 8
San Francisco at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 7
Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30
Green Bay at Denver, 9

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Detroit, noon
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 4
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 4
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7
Philadelphia at New England, 7
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:30
Dallas at Arizona, 10

SUNDAY'S GAME
Seattle at Tennessee, 8

WEEK 3
THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7
New England at Cleveland, 8
San Francisco at Las Vegas, 8
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Washington at Baltimore, 6
Atlanta at Miami, 7
Houston at Carolina, 7
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8
Seattle at Kansas City, 8
New Orleans at Dallas, 8
Arizona at Green Bay, 8
Minnesota at Denver, 9

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1
Chicago at Tennessee, 6

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

CINCINNATI OPEN
At Lindner Family Tennis Center; In Mason, Ohio
Purse: $9,415,725
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Christopher O'Connell, Australia, def. Joao Fonseca (23), Brazil, walkover; Nuno Borges, Portugal, def. Andrey Rublev (13), Russia, 6-3, 6-4; Lorenzo Musetti (10), Italy, def. Michael Zheng, United States, 6-1, 6-3; Taylor Fritz (6), United States, def. Daniel Merida, Spain, 6-3, 6-4; Brandon Nakashima (27), United States, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 6-7 (7-3), 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; Jaime Faria, Portugal, def. Adam Walton, Australia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Felix Auger-Aliassime (2), Canada, def. Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Argentina, 7-5, 6-1; Frances Tiafoe (17), United States, def. Learner Tien (16), United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Madison Keys (20), United States, def. Katerina Siniakova (33), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3; Wang Xiyu, China, def. Elina Svitolina (8), Ukraine, walkover; Mirra Andreeva (5), Russia, def. Janice Tjen (32), Indonesia, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5); Coco Gauff (4), United States, def. Ann Li (28), United States, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Marta Kostyuk (10), Ukraine, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 7-5, 7-5; Sara Bejlek, Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova (16), Russia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, def. Wang Xinyu, China, 6-1, 6-3; Marie Bouzkova (22), Czech Republic, def. Iva Jovic (13), United States, 7-6 (7-0), 7-6 (7-5).

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (2), Argentina, def. Francisco Cabral, Portugal, and James Tracy, United States, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, and Hugo Nys, Monaco, def. Luke Johnson, Britain, and Jan Zielinski, Poland, 3-6, 6-4, 10-3; Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Henry Patten (1), Britain, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, and Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-2; Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury, Britain, def. Lloyd Glasspool and Julian Cash (7), Britain, 6-7 (7-1), 6-4, 12-10; Albano Olivetti and Theo Arribage, France, def. Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, and Arthur Fery, Britain, 7-5, 6-7 (7-2), 10-6; Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and Alexander Zverev, Germany, def. Alejandro Tabilo, Chile, and Mariano Navone, Argentina, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; Adam Pavlasek and Patrik Rikl, Czech Republic, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Yuki Bhambri, India, 6-4, 6-4; Rafael Matos and Orlando Luz, Brazil, def. Christian Harrison, United States, and Neal Skupski (5), Britain, 6-2, 3-6, 10-7.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Aldila Sutjiadi, Indonesia, and Erin Routliffe (7), New Zealand, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and En-Shuo Liang, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2; Zhang Shuai and Xinyu Jiang, China, def. Ulrikke Eikeri, Norway, and Quinn Gleason (6), United States, 6-1, 6-2; Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Jelena Ostapenko (5), Latvia, def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Maia Lumsden, Britain, 6-3, 2-1, ret; Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, and Maya Joint, Australia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, and Leylah Fernandez, Canada, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

ATP

Through Sunday.

SINGLES RANKINGS
1. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 13450
2. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 8160
3. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 8090
4. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 4740
5. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 3760
6. Ben Shelton, USA, 3670
7. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 3580
8. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 3560
9. Taylor Fritz, USA, 3375
10. Flavio Cobolli, Italy, 3330
11. Rafael Jodar, Spain, 2621
12. Learner Tien, USA, 2545
13. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 2525
14. Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, 2470
15. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy, 2415
16. Jakub Mensik, Czech Republic, 2395
17. Casper Ruud, Norway, 2385
18. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 2230
19. Valentin Vacherot, Monaco, 2186
20. Luciano Darderi, Italy, 2175
21. Arthur Fils, France, 2140
22. Brandon Nakashima, USA, 2135
23. Frances Tiafoe, USA, 2130

DOUBLES RANKINGS
1. Harri Heliovaara, Finland, 10050
1. Henry Patten, Britain, 10050
3. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7310
4. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 7310
5. Neal Skupski, Britain, 6450
6. Marcelo Arevalo, El Salvador, 5470
7. Mate Pavic, Croatia, 5470
8. Andrea Vavassori, Italy, 5090
9. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 4790
10. Kevin Krawietz, Germany, 4740

WTA

Through Sunday.

SINGLES RANKINGS
1. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 8670
2. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 8316
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 6680
4. Coco Gauff, USA, 5919
5. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 5419
6. Mirra Andreeva, Russia, 5323
7. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, 5048
8. Linda Noskova, Czech Republic, 5016
9. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4634
10. Amanda Anisimova, USA, 4353
11. Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 3830
12. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 2995
13. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 2846
14. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 2798
15. Jasmine Paolini, Italy, 2773
16. Iva Jovic, USA, 2691
17. Victoria Mboko, Canada, 2530
18. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 2506
19. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 2502
20. Alexandra Eala, Philippines, 2216
21. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 2083
22. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 2003
23. Maja Chwalinska, Poland, 1984

DOUBLES RANKINGS
1. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 10760
2. Taylor Townsend, USA, 8845
3. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, 8805
4. Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 7445
5. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6950
6. Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, 6775
7. Zhang Shuai, China, 5765
8. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 5533
9. Sara Errani, Italy, 5155
10. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, USA, 4950

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	24	12	.667	—
Atlanta	22	13	.629	1½
Washington	21	14	.600	2½
New York	22	15	.595	2½
Chicago	14	22	.389	10
Toronto	10	25	.286	13½
Connecticut	9	25	.265	14

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
xy-Minnesota	29	7	.806	—
xy-Golden State	25	9	.735	3
y-Las Vegas	24	13	.649	5½
Dallas	20	16	.556	9
Portland	15	20	.429	13½
Phoenix	13	23	.361	16
Los Angeles	12	23	.343	16½
Seattle	7	30	.189	22½

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULT
at Golden State 78, Dallas 70

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Connecticut 85, Los Angeles 77
Indiana 101, at Toronto 95
at Chicago 93, New York 86
Atlanta 97, at Las Vegas 82

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 93, Toronto 82
Minnesota at Golden State, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Dallas, 8
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10
Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Washington, 7:30
Golden State at Chicago, 7:30
Portland vs.Toronto in Vancouver, British Columbia, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at New York, 7
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 9
Atlanta at Phoenix, 10

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Dallas, 4
Indiana at Chicago, 7
Las Vegas at Toronto in Vancouver, British Columbia, 7

MONDAY'S GAMES
Golden State at Minnesota, 8
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Phoenix, 10
Chicago at Connecticut, 7
Portland at Dallas, 8

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Golden State at Connecticut, 7
Toronto at Seattle, 10

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

vs. Minnesota Lynx

Friday	7:30	ION

at Portland Fire

Sunday	7	Monumental

at Phoenix Mercury

Tuesday	10	Monumental

Radio: WTEM (980 AM)

Sky 93, Liberty 86

Late Tuesday

New York	**24**	**19**	**23**	**20**	**—**	**86**
Chicago	**24**	**30**	**20**	**19**	**—**	**93**

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Allen	31:58	5-10	1-2	0-5	1	1	14
Stewart	34:43	8-13	5-6	2-7	3	3	22
Jones	6:29	2-2	1-1	0-0	2	0	5
Astier	19:12	4-8	0-0	1-3	1	3	8
Ionescu	33:40	7-17	2-2	1-7	12	1	18
Xu	25:32	4-11	2-2	2-7	0	5	12
Johannes	20:52	1-5	0-0	0-1	2	0	3
Gardner	9:20	2-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	4
Fauthoux	8:09	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	1	0
Carrera	5:55	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Maley	4:13	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
TOTALS	**200**	**33-72**	**11-13**	**7-35**	**24**	**18**	**86**

Percentages: FG .458, FT .846. **3-Point Goals:** 9-36, .250 (Allen 3-7, Xu 2-7, Ionescu 2-10, Johannes 1-3, Stewart 1-3, Fauthoux 0-1, Gardner 0-1, Maley 0-1, Astier 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Allen, Ionescu, Stewart, Xu). **Turnovers:** 15 (Ionescu 4, Astier 3, Allen 2, Stewart 2, Xu 2, Johannes, Jones). **Steals:** 7 (Stewart 3, Allen 2, Ionescu, Maley). **Technical Fouls:** None.

CHICAGO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Cloud	34:43	13-21	5-6	1-9	6	3	35
Stevens	23:12	5-9	2-2	3-7	2	4	12
Cardoso	31:44	6-12	5-7	6-12	4	2	17
Taylor	17:15	3-9	2-2	0-2	3	1	9
Vandersloot	26:55	3-9	1-2	1-3	6	2	8
Carrington	18:50	2-8	0-0	1-3	1	2	4
Jaquez	14:06	2-3	0-0	1-4	0	0	4
Sheldon	12:33	0-3	0-1	0-2	1	1	0
Banham	12:26	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	3
Williams	8:16	0-0	1-2	1-2	0	0	1
TOTALS	**200**	**35-79**	**16-22**	**14-44**	**24**	**15**	**93**

Percentages: FG .443, FT .727. **3-Point Goals:** 7-28, .250 (Cloud 4-8, Banham 1-3, Vandersloot 1-3, Taylor 1-6, Jaquez 0-1, Stevens 0-1, Carrington 0-3, Sheldon 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Cardoso, Stevens). **Turnovers:** 13 (Cloud 3, Jaquez 3, Sheldon 2, Taylor 2, Cardoso, Carrington, Stevens). **Steals:** 8 (Cardoso 2, Taylor 2, Williams 2, Jaquez, Vandersloot). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 7,099 (10,387). **T:** 2:00.

Dream 97, Aces 82

Late Tuesday

Atlanta	**24**	**28**	**19**	**26**	**—**	**97**
Las Vegas	**25**	**16**	**20**	**21**	**—**	**82**

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Hillmon	31:56	3-6	0-0	0-4	1	1	7
Howard	38:47	7-19	7-7	1-4	3	4	23
Reese	38:44	6-13	8-9	3-10	4	5	21
Canada	30:12	7-11	1-2	0-6	5	3	17
A.Gray	32:58	6-13	7-7	0-6	3	4	21
Borlase	15:48	1-5	0-0	0-2	1	3	2
Okot	7:58	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	2	6
Paopao	2:55	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kone	0:21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nye	0:21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**32-71**	**25-27**	**4-32**	**18**	**22**	**97**

Percentages: FG .451, FT .926. **3-Point Goals:** 8-23, .348 (Canada 2-4, A.Gray 2-5, Howard 2-8, Reese 1-1, Hillmon 1-3, Borlase 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Howard 2, Hillmon). **Turnovers:** 11 (Hillmon 3, Okot 3, Howard 2, A.Gray, Borlase, Reese). **Steals:** 15 (Howard 4, Reese 4, A.Gray 3, Canada 3, Borlase). **Technical Fouls:** None.

LAS VEGAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Talbot	11:58	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	3	0
Wilson	34:12	7-18	12-12	2-14	3	1	27
Smith	22:14	3-5	4-7	2-6	0	6	10
C.Gray	32:59	5-11	0-0	0-2	2	1	13
Young	34:43	7-15	6-6	1-5	5	1	24
Loyd	26:10	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	4	3
Turner	14:39	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	1	0
Yamamoto	14:12	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	2	3
Latson	4:54	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Parker-Tyus	3:59	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
TOTALS	**200**	**25-63**	**22-25**	**7-33**	**15**	**22**	**82**

Percentages: FG .397, FT .880. **3-Point Goals:** 10-28, .357 (Young 4-9, C.Gray 3-8, Wilson 1-2, Yamamoto 1-3, Loyd 1-4, Latson 0-1, Talbot 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 12 (Wilson 4, Smith 3, C.Gray 2, Talbot, Turner, Young). **Turnovers:** 17 (Wilson 5, C.Gray 3, Turner 3, Young 3, Loyd 2, Talbot). **Steals:** 4 (Wilson 2, C.Gray, Loyd). **Technical Fouls:** coach Becky Hammon, 5:06 second; coach Becky Hammon, 5:06 second.
A: 10,219 (12,000). **T:** 2:10.

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Baltimore Ravens: Reverted RB Jahquez Robinson to injured reserve after he cleared waivers.
Atlanta Falcons: Placed RB Trey Sermon on injured reserve.
Indianapolis Colts: Signed WR Keenan Allen. Waived RB Roydell Williams.
Jacksonville Jaguars: Acquired OL Daniel Faalele from the New York Giants in exchange for a 2027 sixth-round draft pick. Waived OL Timothy McKay.
Los Angeles Chargers: Signed WR Liam Clifford. Waived/injured WR Luke Grimm.
Los Angeles Rams: Reverted WR Mario Williams to injured reserve after he cleared waivers.
Minnesota Vikings: Signed G Joshua Gray. Released DL Eric Johnson II.
New York Jets: Signed WR Junior Bergen. Waived/injured WR DT Sheffield. Reverted EDGE Kingsley Jonathan to injured reserve after he cleared waivers.
San Francisco 49ers: Reverted DL Titus Leo to injured reserve after he cleared waivers.
Seattle Seahawks: Signed CB Trevon Diggs. Waived WR Julian Hicks.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	14	2	4	46	40	15
Inter Miami CF	11	3	6	39	48	38
Chicago	11	6	2	35	35	24
New England	10	7	3	33	32	25
Cincinnati	8	6	6	30	48	46
Charlotte FC	8	7	5	29	35	31
New York City FC	7	8	5	26	34	29
New York	7	9	4	25	30	42
D.C. United	5	6	9	24	27	33
Toronto FC	4	7	9	23	29	36
Orlando City	6	11	3	21	31	49
Columbus	5	10	5	20	28	33
Philadelphia	5	10	5	20	30	37
CF Montreal	5	10	5	20	27	37
x-Atlanta	4	12	3	15	21	34

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Vancouver	11	3	4	37	40	17
x-Houston	11	6	2	35	28	24
x-Los Angeles FC	10	6	4	34	35	20
x-San Jose	10	6	3	33	38	27
x-FC Dallas	8	5	6	30	34	26
St. Louis City SC	8	6	6	30	28	26
x-Real Salt Lake	8	6	4	28	30	26
x-Colorado	8	10	1	25	29	25
x-Minnesota United	6	6	7	25	21	26
x-Portland	7	9	3	24	34	35
x-Seattle	7	8	3	24	20	24
x-San Diego FC	6	7	6	24	33	29
x-LA Galaxy	5	8	7	22	24	30
x-Austin FC	4	10	5	17	23	38
Sporting KC	4	13	3	15	19	49

x-Late match

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 1, at CF Montreal 1
at Atlanta 2, New York 1
at Charlotte FC 3, Columbus 1
Cincinnati 1, at Orlando City 1
at Toronto FC 2, New England 1
at Houston 1, LA Galaxy 0
at Nashville 4, Miami 1
at Colorado 2, Sporting KC 0
Minnesota 1, at Real Salt Lake 1
San Diego FC 1, at Los Angeles FC 0
St. Louis City SC 3, at San Jose 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 2, at Portland 1
at Philadelphia 3, New York City FC 2
at FC Dallas 2, Austin FC 1
at Vancouver 2, Seattle 0

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
New England 3, at D.C. United 0
at Cincinnati 2, New York City FC 1
CF Montreal 2, at Columbus 1
Nashville 1, at New York 0
Chicago 1, at Orlando City 0
Miami 2, at Philadelphia 2
Charlotte FC 3, at Toronto FC 3
St. Louis City SC 1, at Sporting KC 1
Atlanta at Minnesota, late
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, late
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, late
Austin FC at Seattle, late
San Jose at LA Galaxy, late
San Diego FC at Portland, late
Houston at Vancouver, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Seattle at Cincinnati, 7:30
Toronto FC at Miami, 7:30
LA Galaxy at CF Montreal, 7:30
Chicago at New York, 7:30
Real Salt Lake at Orlando City, 7:30
Philadelphia at Austin FC, 8:30
Columbus at Nashville, 8:30
Houston at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 9:30
Portland at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Colorado at San Diego FC, 10:30
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at New England, 4:30
Sporting KC at Atlanta, 7

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Los Angeles FC at D.C. United, 7:30
Chicago at Seattle, 4:30
Charlotte FC at Atlanta, 7:30
New England at Columbus, 7:30
CF Montreal at Miami, 7:30
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30
New York City FC at Toronto, 7:30
San Jose at Houston, 8:30
Orlando City at Minnesota, 8:30
Cincinnati at Nashville, 8:30
Vancouver at Sporting KC, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9:30
Austin FC at Portland, 10:30
LA Galaxy at San Diego FC, 10:30

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
FC Dallas at St. Louis City SC, 7

Revolution 3, D.C. United 0

NEW ENGLAND	**2**	**1**	**3**
D.C. UNITED	**0**	**0**	**0**

First Half: 1, New England, Yusuf, 3 (Miller), 23rd minute; 2, New England, Yusuf, 4 (Harrison), 45th.
Second Half: 3, New England, Yusuf, 5 (Harrison), 66th.
Goalies: New England, Matt Turner, Donovan Parisian; D.C. United, Sean Johnson, Alex Bono.
Yellow Cards: Raines, New England, 13th; Dozzell, D.C. United, 26th; Polster, New England, 32nd.
New England, Matt Turner; Mamadou Fofana, Ethan Kohler, Peyton Miller (Griffin Yow, 89th), Matt Polster (Cody Baker, 83rd), Will Sands; Carles Gil (Judah Siqueira, 89th), Jack Harrison (Marcos Zambrano, 84th), Brooklyn Raines, Alhassan Yusuf; Dor Turgeman (Wilson Israel Harris, 77th)
D.C. United, Sean Johnson; Lucas Bartlett, Silvan Hefti, Keisuke Kurokawa, Sean Nealis (Brandon Servania, 46th), Kimito Nono (Nikola Markovic, 69th), Matti Peltola; Andre Dozzell (Jared Stroud, 90th), Jackson Hopkins (Nathan Ordaz, 46th); Tai Baribo, Louis Munteanu (Hosei Kijima, 69th)

FC Cincinnati 2, New York City FC 1

NEW YORK CITY FC	**1**	**0**	**1**
CINCINNATI	**1**	**1**	**2**

First Half: 1, Cincinnati, Mboma Dem, 5, 11th minute; 2, New York City FC, Luighi, 2 (Ojeda), 21st.
Second Half: 3, Cincinnati, Evander, 12 (Valenzuela), 90th+1.
Goalies: New York City FC, Matt Freese, Tomas Romero; Cincinnati, Roman Celentano, Evan Louro.
Yellow Cards: Miazga, Cincinnati, 33rd; Parks, New York City FC, 36th; Nwobodo, Cincinnati, 50th; Luighi, New York City FC, 55th; Fernandez, New York City FC, 74th; Gidi, Cincinnati, 82nd.
New York City FC, Matt Freese; Nicolas Fernandez, Tayvon Gray, Raul Gustavo; Keaton Parks (Jonathan Shore, 75th), Andres Perea, James Sands, Benie Adama Traore (Malachi Jones, 64th); Luighi (Seymour Reid, 64th), Kevin O'Toole (Nico Cavallo, 76th), Agustin Ojeda (Talles Magno, 81st)
Cincinnati, Roman Celentano; Matt Miazga (Teenage Hadebe, 60th), Miles Robinson, Kyle Smith (Brian Anunga, 83rd); Pavel Bucha, Evander, Obinna Nwobodo (Samuel Gidi, 72nd); Kevin Denkey (Tom Barlow, 72nd), Ender Echenique (Bryan Ramirez, 61st), Kenji Mboma Dem, Gerardo Valenzuela

Montreal 2, Crew 1

MONTREAL	**1**	**1**	**2**
COLUMBUS	**1**	**0**	**1**

First Half: 1, Montreal, Owusu, 12 (Synchuk), 5th minute; 2, Columbus, Gillier, 20th.
Second Half: 3, Montreal, Streit, 1 (Vera), 78th.
Goalies: Montreal, Thomas Gillier, Sebastian Breza; Columbus, Patrick Schulte, Nicholas Hagen.
Yellow Cards: Camacho, Columbus, 3rd; Vera, Montreal, 14th; Gomes, Columbus, 34th; Neal, Montreal, 48th; Ceballos, Montreal, 74th; Longstaff, Montreal, 89th.
Montreal, Thomas Gillier; Dawid Bugaj, Jalen Neal (Brandan Craig, 68th), Luca Petrasso, Brayan Vera; Fabian Herbers (Brayan Ceballos, 68th), Matty Longstaff, Daniel Pereira, Hennadii Synchuk (Victor Loturi, 56th); Prince-Osei Owusu (Alexis Sanchez, 79th), Noah Streit (Daniel Rios, 79th)
Columbus, Patrick Schulte; Malte Amundsen, Rudy Camacho (Cesar Ruvalcaba, 14th), Mohamed Farsi (Marcelo Herrera, 58th), Steven Moreira; Dylan Chambost (Tarun Karumanchi, 80th), Andre Gomes, Taha Habroune (Daniel Gazdag, 80th), Brais Mendez, Sean Zawadzki; Chase Adams (Josef Martinez, 57th)

Inter Miami CF 2, Union 2

MIAMI	**2**	**0**	**2**
PHILADELPHIA	**1**	**1**	**2**

First Half: 1, Philadelphia, Vassilev, 3 (Westfield), 11th minute; 2, Miami, Pinter, 1 (Suarez), 21st; 3, Miami, Messi, 13 (Fray), 26th.
Second Half: 4, Philadelphia, Pierre, 3 (Iloski), 58th.
Goalies: Miami, Dayne St. Clair, Rocco Rios Novo; Philadelphia, Andre Blake, Andrew Rick.
Yellow Cards: Wagner, Philadelphia, 43rd; Reguilon, Miami, 50th; Fray, Miami, 55th; Iloski, Philadelphia, 87th; Alladoh, Philadelphia, 90th+5; Sullivan, Philadelphia, 90th+13.
Red Cards: Sullivan, Philadelphia, 90th+12; Bright, Miami, 90th+12.
Miami, Dayne St. Clair; Yannick Bright, Maximiliano Falcon, Ian Fray, Gonzalo Lujan, Sergio Reguilon (Noah Allen, 73rd); Casemiro, Telasco Segovia (David Ayala, 73rd); Lionel Messi, Daniel Pinter (David Ruiz, 90th+9), Luis Suarez
Philadelphia, Andre Blake; Nathan Harriel, Neil Pierre, Kai Wagner, Francis Westfield; Jesus Bueno (Alejandro Bedoya, 82nd), Danley Jean Jacques, Cavan Sullivan, Indiana Vassilev (Quinn Sullivan, 68th); Bruno Damiani (Ezekiel Alladoh, 82nd), Milan Iloski

Nashville SC 1, Red Bulls 0

NASHVILLE	**0**	**1**	**1**
NEW YORK RED BULLS	**0**	**0**	**0**

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Nashville, Woledzi, 2 (Espinoza), 90th+2 minute.
Goalies: Nashville, Brian Schwake, Joe Willis; New York Red Bulls, Ethan Horvath, John McCarthy.
Yellow Cards: Lovitz, Nashville, 12th; Corcoran, Nashville, 58th; Bazan, New York Red Bulls, 90th+1.
Nashville, Brian Schwake; Daniel Lovitz (Andy Najar, 61st), Jack Maher, Maxwell Woledzi; Reed Baker-Whiting (Josh Bauer, 86th), Matthew Corcoran (Patrick Yazbek, 70th), Shak Mohammed (Cristian Espinoza, 62nd), Hany Mukhtar, Edvard Tagseth; Elias Saad (Ahmed Qasem, 70th), Sam Surridge
New York Red Bulls, Ethan Horvath; Julian Bazan, Justin Che (Tim Parker, 88th), Matthew Dos Santos, Dylan Nealis (Jahkeele Marshall-Rutty, 80th); Ronald Donkor, Emil Forsberg (Mohammed Sofo, 61st), Adri Mehmeti; Cade Cowell (Mijahir Jimenez, 61st), Julian Hall, Jorge Ruvalcaba

Charlotte FC 3, Toronto FC 3

CHARLOTTE FC	**2**	**1**	**3**
TORONTO FC	**1**	**2**	**3**

First Half: 1, Charlotte FC, Aloko, 1 (Westwood), 8th minute; 2, Toronto FC, Cimermancic, 1 (Sargent), 14th; 3, Charlotte FC, Gorno, 6, 20th.
Second Half: 4, Charlotte FC, Kessler, 1 (Westwood), 58th; 5, Toronto FC, Salloi, 5 (Corbeanu), 76th; 6, Toronto FC, Dorsch, 2 (Etienne), 90th.
Goalies: Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina, Tyler Miller; Toronto FC, Luka Gavran, William Yarbrough.
Yellow Cards: Pereira, Toronto FC, 85th.
Red Cards: Zimmerman, Toronto FC, 56th.
Charlotte FC, Kristijan Kahlina; Will Cleary, Henry Kessler, Tim Ream, David Schnegg; Pep Biel (Luca De La Torre, 79th), Brandt Bronico (Djibril Diani, 90th+4), Ashley Westwood; Liel Abada (Allan Saint-Maximin, 69th), Rodolfo Aloko (Tyger Smalls, 69th), Idan Gorno (Archie Goodwin, 79th)
Toronto FC, Luka Gavran; Jackson Gilman, Benjamin Kuscevic (Zane Monlouis, 83rd), Richie Laryea, Walker Zimmerman; Markus Cimermancic (Derrick Etienne, 82nd), Alonso Coello (Matheus Pereira, 61st), Niklas Dorsch (Kobe Franklin, 90th+5); Theo Corbeanu, Daniel Salloi, Josh Sargent

St. Louis City SC 1, Sporting KC 1

ST. LOUIS CITY SC	**1**	**0**	**1**
SPORTING KC	**0**	**1**	**1**

First Half: 1, St. Louis City SC, Lowen, 3, 45th+2 minute.
Second Half: 2, Sporting KC, Harris, 3 (Calheira), 55th.
Goalies: St. Louis City SC, Roman Burki, Ben Lundt; Sporting KC, Stefan Cleveland, John Pulskamp.
Yellow Cards: Bassong, Sporting KC, 15th; Durkin, St. Louis City SC, 21st; Miller, Sporting KC, 45th; Wallem, St. Louis City SC, 60th.
St. Louis City SC, Roman Burki; Timo Baumgartl, Lukas MacNaughton, Tomas Totland; Chris Durkin, Daniel Edelman, Eduard Lowen (Carlo Holse, 62nd), Dante Polvara, Jeong Sang-bin (Palmer Ault, 84th), Conrad Wallem (Jaziel Orozco, 84th); Simon Becher (Alexandru Matan, 62nd)
Sporting KC, Stefan Cleveland; Zorhan Bassong (Jacob Bartlett, 75th), Jacob Davis, Emir Karic (Jayden Reid, 89th), Wyatt Meyer, Jansen Miller; Lasse Berg Johnsen; Taylor Calheira (Shapi Suleymanov, 64th), Capita, Calvin Harris (Stephen Afrifa, 75th), Dejan Joveljic

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	13	3	4	43	26	13
Washington	11	5	4	37	30	18
Utah	11	6	3	36	35	23
Portland	10	6	4	34	34	29
San Diego	10	7	3	33	25	21
North Carolina	9	7	3	30	34	29
Kansas City	9	8	3	30	31	28
Seattle	8	8	3	27	24	25
Houston	7	8	5	26	28	28
Angel City	7	7	4	25	27	20
Denver	6	7	6	24	25	25
Orlando	7	11	2	23	24	31
Louisville	7	11	2	23	30	37
Boston	5	10	5	20	23	32
Bay FC	5	10	4	19	20	27
Chicago	4	15	1	13	9	39

x-Late match

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Gotham FC 2, Kansas City 1
Denver, at San Diego 1
at Seattle 1, Chicago 0
at Utah 3, Bay FC 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Louisville 4, Boston 1
at Portland 2, Orlando 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 1, at Angel City 1
Houston 3, at North Carolina 2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Louisville 2, Seattle 1
at Houston 5, Chicago 0

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Utah at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Seattle at Kansas City, 6:30
Boston at North Carolina, 7:30
Denver at Portland, 8:45

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Washington, 4
Louisville at Chicago, 2
Houston at Bay FC, 6
Gotham FC at Angel City, 8

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at North Carolina, 8

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Portland at Gotham FC, 8
Louisville at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
North Carolina at Kansas City, 6:30
Utah at Orlando, 7
Chicago at Denver, 8:45

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
Bay FC at Washington, 12:30
Houston at Seattle, 7

English Premier League

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Coventry City at Arsenal, 3

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Man United at Hull City, 7:30 a.m.
Crystal Palace at Everton, 10 a.m.
Sunderland at Ipswich Town, 10 a.m.
Leeds at Nottingham Forest, 10 a.m.
Tottenham at Brentford, 12:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Aston Villa at Brighton, 9 a.m.
Bournemouth at Man City, 9 a.m.
Liverpool at Newcastle, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Chelsea at Fulham, 3

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Man City at Crystal Palace, 3

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Nottingham Forest at Liverpool, 7:30 a.m.
Everton at Bournemouth, 10 a.m.
Hull City at Coventry City, 10 a.m.
Newcastle at Tottenham, 12:30

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
Brighton at Chelsea, 9 a.m.
Brentford at Leeds, 9 a.m.
Fulham at Sunderland, 9 a.m.
Ipsqich Town at Man United, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 31
Arsenal at Aston Villa, 3

GOLF

Official World Golf Ranking

Through Sunday.

1.	Scottie Scheffler	17.70
2.	Rory McIlroy	8.76
3.	Cameron Young	7.98
4.	Matt Fitzpatrick	7.15
5.	Tommy Fleetwood	5.58
6.	Russell Henley	5.57
7.	Sam Burns	5.44
8.	Wyndham Clark	5.42
9.	Chris Gotterup	5.30
10.	Xander Schauffele	5.28
11.	Collin Morikawa	5.04
12.	Justin Rose	4.89
13.	Si Woo Kim	4.87
14.	Viktor Hovland	4.67
15.	Jon Rahm	4.64
16.	J.J. Spaun	4.45
17.	Ludvig Aberg	4.39
18.	Alex Noren	4.12
19.	Robert MacIntyre	4.09
20.	Aaron Rai	4.09
21.	Ben Griffin	3.99
22.	Tyrrell Hatton	3.93
23.	Justin Thomas	3.89
24.	Ryan Fox	3.87
25.	Hideki Matsuyama	3.79
26.	Ryan Gerard	3.60
27.	Min Woo Lee	3.45
28.	Tom Kim	3.42
29.	Kristoffer Reitan	3.36

BASEBALL

NATIONALS ON DECK

at Texas Rangers

Thursday	8:05	Fox Sports 1, Nationals.TV

at Miami Marlins

Friday	7:10	Nationals.TV
Saturday	4:10	Fox Sports 1, Nationals.TV
Sunday	1:40	Nationals.TV

vs. Colorado Rockies

Monday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Tuesday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Wednesday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Aug. 27	1:05	Nationals.TV

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Little League World Series

IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA.
UNITED STATES
GREAT LAKES REGION, Hamilton, Ohio; METRO REGION, Bayonne, N.J.; MID-ATLANTIC REGION, West Chester, Pa.; MIDWEST REGION, Davenport, Iowa; MOUNTAIN REGION, Henderson, Nev.; NEW ENGLAND REGION, Bridgewater, Mass.; NORTHWEST REGION, Tacoma, Wash.; SOUTHEAST REGION, Phenix City, Ala.; SOUTHWEST REGION, Boerne, Texas; WEST REGION, Bonita, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL
ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, Seoul, South Korea; AUSTRALIA REGION, Sydney, New South Wales; CANADA REGION, Vancouver, British Columbia; CARIBBEAN REGION, Santiago, Dominican Republic; CURAÇAO REGION, Pariba, Curaçao; EUROPE-AFRICA REGION, Brno, Czech Republic; JAPAN REGION, Tokyo, Japan; LATIN AMERICA REGION, Leon, Nicaragua; MEXICO REGION, Tijuana, Baja California; PANAMA REGION, Chiriquí, Panama

DOUBLE ELIMINATION
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: Leon (Nicaragua) 2, Santiago (Dominican Republic) 1
Game 2: Tacoma (Wash.) 2, Phenix City (Ala.) 0
Game 3: Seoul (South Korea) 7, Vancouver (Canada) 0
Game 4: Bayonne (N.J.) 2, Bridgewater (Mass.) 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Sydney (Australia) vs. Tijuana (Mexico), noon
Game 6: Hamilton (Ohio) vs. Henderson (Nev.), 2
Game 7: Pariba (Curaçao) vs. Tokyo (Japan), 4
Game 8: Bonita (Calif.) vs. Davenport (Iowa), 6

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 9: Chiriquí (Panama) vs. Leon (Nicaragua), 1
Game 10: Boerne (Texas) vs. Tacoma (Wash.), 3
Game 11: Brno (Czech Republic) vs. Seoul (South Korea), 5
Game 12: West Chester (Pa.) vs. Bayonne (N.J.), 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 13: Vancouver (Canada) vs. Game 5 loser, 1
Game 14: Bridgewater (Mass.) vs. Game 4 loser, 3
Game 15: Santiago (Dominican Republic) vs. Game 7 loser, 5
Game 16: Phenix City (Ala.) vs. Game 8 loser, 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 17: Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 18: Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 19: Game 8 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 1
Game 20: Game 7 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 2

MONDAY'S GAMES
Game 21: Game 9 loser vs. Game 13 winner, 1
Game 22: Game 10 loser vs. Game 14 winner, 3
Game 23: Game 11 loser vs. Game 15 winner, 5
Game 24: Game 12 loser vs. Game 16 winner, 7

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Game 25: Game 18 loser vs. Game 23 winner, 1
Game 26: Game 17 loser vs. Game 24 winner, 3
Game 27: Game 20 loser vs. Game 21 winner, 5
Game 28: game 19 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Game 29: Game 18 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 1
Game 30: Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, 3
Game 31: Game 25 winner vs. Game 27 winner, 5
Game 32: Game 26 winner vs. Game 28 winner, 7

THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Game 33: Game 29 loser vs. Game 31 winner, 3
Game 34: Game 30 loser vs. Game 32 winner, 7

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 12:30

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3:30

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
THIRD PLACE
Teams TBD, 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Denny Hamlin, 969.
2. Ryan Blaney, 854.
3. Ty Gibbs, 842.
4. Tyler Reddick, 831.
5. Chase Briscoe, 715.
6. Chase Elliott, 695.
7. Christopher Bell, 695.
8. Kyle Larson, 660.
9. Joey Logano, 659.
10. Chris Buescher, 653.
11. Carson Hocevar, 645.
12. William Byron, 630.
13. Daniel Suárez, 618.
14. Bubba Wallace, 587.
15. Austin Cindric, 574.
16. Shane Van Gisbergen, 567.
17. Ryan Preece, 517.
18. Ross Chastain, 504.
19. Brad Keselowski, 489.
20. Erik Jones, 486.
21. Michael McDowell, 463.
22. AJ Allmendinger, 442.
23. Todd Gilliland, 428.
24. Zane Smith, 418.
25. Austin Dillon, 400.
26. Riley Herbst, 399.
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 389.
28. John H. Nemechek, 388.
29. Alex Bowman, 340.
30. Josh Berry, 337.
31. Noah Gragson, 307.
32. Cole Custer, 287.
33. Ty Dillon, 284.

IndyCar

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Alex Palou, 542.
2. Kyle Kirkwood, 409.
3. David Malukas, 405.
4. Christian Lundgaard, 403.
5. Pato O'Ward, 385.
6. Josef Newgarden, 352.
7. Scott McLaughlin, 345.
8. Felix Rosenqvist, 344.
9. Marcus Ericsson, 329.
10. Rinus VeeKay, 295.
11. Will Power, 292.
12. Scott Dixon, 264.
13. Graham Rahal, 258.
14. Kyffin Simpson, 252.
15. Marcus Armstrong, 244.
16. Santino Ferrucci, 225.
17. Alexander Rossi, 218.
18. Romain Grosjean, 209.
19. Louis Foster, 200.
20. Nolan Siegel, 195.
21. Dennis Hauger, 189.
22. Christian Rasmussen, 164.
23. Caio Collet, 158.
24. Mick Schumacher, 151.

Formula One

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, 219.
2. Lewis Hamilton, 169.
3. George Russell, 160.
4. Charles Leclerc, 138.
5. Lando Norris, 128.
6. Max Verstappen, 109.
7. Oscar Piastri, 92.
8. Isack Hadjar, 68.
9. Liam Lawson, 43.
10. Pierre Gasly, 42.
11. Arvid Lindblad, 23.
12. Franco Colapinto, 19.
13. Oliver Bearman, 18.
14. Gabriel Bortoleto, 10.
15. Carlos Sainz Jr., 6.
16. Alexander Albon, 5.
17. Esteban Ocon, 3.
18. Nico Hulkenberg, 2.
19. Fernando Alonso, 1.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

Trump shows off his new helipad, brags about construction projects

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President Donald Trump signs a piece of stone as he tours the construction.

For a brief period Wednesday, the president set aside more troubling issues to revel in his role as White House redeveloper

BY **DAN DIAMOND**

President Donald Trump's poll numbers have fallen to the lowest levels of his presidency. Iranian leaders have dismissed U.S. attempts to reach a ceasefire, threatening to extend the conflict. Other global and domestic challenges continue to occupy the White House and consume the president's time.

But for 20 minutes on Wednesday morning, those problems were mostly set aside as Trump delighted in one of his favorite roles: showing off new White House construction.

The president took reporters on a tour of his planned helipad, which workers have been constructing around-the-clock on the White House's South Lawn. Trump approved the project after current and former officials spent years grappling with how to accommodate the next generation of Marine One helicopters, which run the risk of burning the lawn.

The work is being rushed to completion before Chinese President Xi Jinping's planned visit to the White House in late September, The Washington Post previously reported.

"The happiest people are the pilots," Trump told reporters as he prepared to sign the underside of a granite slab in the shape of an eagle's head that will make up part of the 100-foot-wide helipad. Pilots had told him that landing on the helipad would be preferable to alternatives, he said. The Post previously reported that some past pilots and officials have questioned the need for the project and how it will affect the iconic, decades-old visual of helicopters landing on the White House lawn.

The most visibly pleased person on Wednesday was the president as he discussed the detailed work on the helipad, joked with construction workers and gestured to his other projects, as hammering and other sounds of construction of his nearby White House ballroom carried across the lawn.

The longtime real estate mogul has admitted his joy in renovating the White House — and his desire to keep building. He name-checked some of those projects Wednesday, such as his efforts to overhaul the White House lawn.

"Grass has a life like humans have a life," Trump said, thanking ScottsMiracle-Gro for making a donation of new sod and pointing out fresh topsoil. "If you're grass, you're very happy."

He invoked his efforts to touch up the White House's facade, add flagpoles and improve the visiting experience for VIPs.

He also shared his continued frustration over efforts to block his planned ballroom, with the Supreme Court now weighing whether to side with lower courts and temporarily halt construction beginning Friday.

"We've gotten tremendous architectural reviews. It's beautiful," Trump said, despite complaints from many architects that the planned

SEE **CONSTRUCTION** ON **B14**

6 charged in $441K fraud scheme

ACTION COMES ON HEELS OF D.C. AUDIT

Accused are current, former police employees

BY **BEN CONARCK**

Six current and former D.C. police employees are facing fraud charges after prosecutors say they collectively received more than $441,000 in overtime pay that they did not earn.

Those charged include a former sergeant, a former senior officer and a former lieutenant, as well as two current officers and one civilian employee, all of whom were assigned to the city's 5th District. They are accused of falsifying overtime claims, forging approvals from supervisors and manipulating official records.

The charges come on the heels of a District audit that found overtime "has been and continues to be a costly and chronic phenomenon among the District's public safety agencies."

The Office of the Attorney General in D.C. said on Tuesday that the charges stemmed from an investigation started by the D.C. police department after its internal affairs division identified irregularities in "unusually high volumes" of claimed overtime hours, including submissions for time when employees were not actually working or unable to perform their assigned duties.

"These six officers abused their positions of power, exploiting the District and the residents they took an oath to serve and protect," Attorney General Brian Schwalb (D) said in a statement. "No one is above the law, especially those trusted with

SEE **D.C. POLICE** ON **B15**

TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
77°	82°	80°	77°

High today at approx. 1 p.m.: **87°**
Precip: **90%** Wind: **E 6-12 mph**

For weather news, go to **B18**

MARYLAND

NASA moon base plans could boost the state's Eastern Shore. **B14**

OBITUARY

Martin Cohen, who helped guide The Post's finances, was 94. **B17**

MARYLAND

Curtis Bay man pleads guilty to murder of wife during trial. **B14**

DESTINEE MACKLIN

In a 39-page complaint filed in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia earlier this month, Destinee Macklin, shown above, laid out her concerns with the jail's internal affairs unit in detail.

Former employee says D.C. jail botched probes into violence, drugs

BY **BEN CONARCK**

Destinee Macklin still gets emotional when she thinks about the day she was made to stand guard over a dead body in the D.C. jail.

It was May 2025, and Macklin, a retired Baltimore Police detective, was just months on the job as a criminal investigator for the D.C. jail's internal affairs unit. She was sent to the Central Detention Facility to stand beside Carlos Shelley, a 29-year-old from Southeast Washington who was killed in a fight there.

Though she was new to the role, Macklin said she had no faith that Shelley's loved ones would get justice. She was already disillusioned with the jail's Office of Investigative Services and its leadership.

In a 39-page complaint filed in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia earlier this month, Macklin laid out her concerns with the jail's internal affairs unit in detail. She recounted what she described as inadequate training, an abandoned stabbing investigation, the improper handling of seized narcotics, and, in Shelley's case, poor management of a crime scene.

> She detailed concerns with the internal affairs unit in a complaint

In an interview with The Washington Post this week, Macklin's voice became strained as she remembered standing next to Shelley's body.

"It was heartbreaking," Macklin said. "Here I am, watching a young man who is dead, and I can't do the best of my ability to stop it, because it's not serious to them. It's terrible. It hurts."

In February, prosecutors quietly dropped the charges against Shelley's accused killer, Marquise Jones, without explanation. The U.S. attorney's office did not respond to a request for comment on their decision to abandon the case. Jones's attorneys had argued at a probable cause hearing in July last year that he acted in self defense, according to media coverage.

Macklin, who was fired in December last year, said her preexisting PTSD was again triggered by the ordeal with Shelley's body, and that she was still struggling from it.

She said her firing was retaliatory — a response to repeated attempts to report improper practices at the jail and her re-

SEE **LAWSUIT** ON **B14**

MARYLAND

The state's Eastern Shore could play a key role in NASA's moon base plans

BY **JOSH DAVIS**
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NASA says it wants to build bases on the moon. Maryland's Eastern Shore could become a key part of that effort.

"We're going to the moon, and we're going to build a moon base, and we're going to stay," Wallops Director David Pierce said last week.

Pierce was among the government, business and education leaders gathered at Salisbury University for an industry day focused on turning Wallops' growth into jobs and investment on Maryland's Lower Shore.

NASA said in an Aug. 4 update that it is planning more than a return visit to the moon. The space agency envisions an outpost near the moon's south pole, supplied by commercial landers and built in stages for scientific research, technology tests and, eventually, people. Its first phase calls for more than 20 robotic landings through 2029 to place instruments, prove equipment and begin assembling the infrastructure needed for human habitation.

Some of those missions could start at Wallops, just across the Maryland line in Virginia.

NASA expects larger rockets and crewed missions to remain centered at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, Giovanni Rosanova, deputy director at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, said. Wallops would handle small and midsize launches, including robotic spacecraft capable of reaching lunar orbit or the surface. Rocket Lab's Neutron, Northrop Grumman and Firefly Aerospace's Eclipse, and possibly Firefly's Alpha could fill those roles, he said.

Wallops' lunar role would focus on launching cargo, scientific instruments and robotic missions rather than astronauts.

"Not humans, but all the rest can be done from Wallops," Rosanova said.

Wallops has done it before. NASA launched the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer, or LADEE, from the facility in 2013, sending a robotic spacecraft to study the moon's thin atmosphere and dust.

More launches would mean more than streaking rocket sightings along the coast. They could bring contractors and suppliers and increase demand for housing, hotels, restaurants and public services. Nearly half of Wallops' workforce lives in Maryland, officials said.

"Often we hear that Wallops is a hidden gem, and we want to make sure it is not hidden," Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman said.

That effort will require Maryland and Virginia to work together, Lierman said.

"Recognizing that employment opportunities don't start and end at the state line is really important," she said.

But speakers described several obstacles between the Shore and that payoff, starting with workforce development. Rosanova said colleges must help "feed the talent stream" into Wallops, while Giordano said employers need a "direct line" in shaping curriculums. Officials identified Salisbury University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Wor-Wic Community College as potential partners in training, internships and career pipelines.

The region also needs development along the corridor leading to Wallops to recruit and retain workers. Local officials called for faster, clearer permitting for major projects.

"What works in Montgomery County, that doesn't work here," Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano said. She urged the creation of a formal regional aerospace partnership linking local governments, schools and businesses.

Del. Christopher Adams, an Eastern Shore Republican, warned that other states are spending heavily to capture a growing commercial space industry.

He said a bill that would have expanded Maryland's Aerospace and Technology Commission and directed $30 million a year to it stalled in a Senate committee this year.

"We compete, or we don't," Adams said.

Rosanova said forums like last week's can help attract needed talent, suppliers and businesses to Wallops.

"We've been this well-kept secret for too long," he said. "I think it's about time we're put on the map."

Trump takes time to show off his new White House construction on a tour

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90,000-square-foot addition is far too large and will overshadow the White House mansion.

But the main event Wednesday morning was the helipad, with the president partially ringed by construction workers who have been building it.

"This will be here long after we're gone," Trump said. He joked that his signature on the granite should be displayed face up, rather than face down as intended, and he urged several members of the construction crew and White House officials to add their signatures, too.

He also acknowledged that he had ordered changes to the helipad because he wanted to address its slope, confirming The Post's reporting.

"Sorry to take an extra week and a half, but lifting it up was one of the best things we've ever done," Trump said. He added that the helipad would have a "secondary use" — to host events and help greet foreign leaders.

Trump appeared pleased to hear from workers that the helipad would be finished by Sept. 21 — about two days before the planned state visit with Xi.

"We might make it for President Xi," Trump said. "That'd be nice but not imperative."

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President Donald Trump tours construction of a helipad on the South Lawn of the White House on Wednesday.

Construction of Trump's planned White House ballroom continues Wednesday.

MARYLAND

Curtis Bay man pleads guilty to murder of wife during jury trial

BY **KATHARINE WILSON**
Capital Gazette

A 51-year-old man pleaded guilty on the fourth day of a jury trial to the 2025 murder of his wife in Brooklyn Park.

Cedric Dion Callaway, of Curtis Bay, pleaded guilty last week to first-degree murder in the death of Sarah Elizabeth Bundy, 44.

"The defendant's surprise plea was certainly a recognition that things were not going his way during trial," Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Anne Colt Leitess said in a news release. "This was a cold-blooded, heinous crime where the defendant killed his wife and mother of his child, then left her under a pile of tires in an alley. I am grateful that we were able to get justice for Ms. Bundy."

The public defender's office, which provided Callaway's legal representation, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Bundy was found dead in an alley off Disney Avenue on May 23, 2025, according to the Anne Arundel County Office of the State's Attorney. Prosecutors said she had "significant trauma" to her head, face and neck.

A nearby security camera showed a person matching Callaway guiding Bundy into the alleyway in the early morning of the day she was found, according to Anne Arundel County police.

The release said that the Baltimore Police Department had Callaway in custody in an unrelated incident and that Callaway told the department that he and his wife were robbed near the location of the homicide the previous night.

He claimed that he had been pistol-whipped and that his wife was missing, according to the county state's attorney's office. Prosecutors said the suspect had blood stains on his hands and fingernails and had no injuries showing that he had been pistol-whipped.

After he was transferred to the Anne Arundel County Police Criminal Investigations Division office, Callaway said he would take his own life if he was charged with murder. When Callaway made the statement, he had not yet been informed that his wife was dead, according to the county state's attorney's office.

Callaway is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 15.

Former employee lays out concerns with D.C. jail's internal affairs unit

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quests for accommodation for disabilities stemming from line-of-duty injuries she suffered in 2018, during her time in Baltimore.

"There's no oversight for OIS," Macklin said of the internal affairs unit in an interview. "We are the top of the top. That's the problem. I didn't even know who to complain to."

The lawsuit, filed by Macklin's attorney Pamela Keith, mainly alleges whistleblower retaliation and discrimination against Macklin for her sexual orientation.

It also details incidents in which Macklin felt her supervisors broke from the department's policies, such as the unarmed transport of seized narcotics that "placed the public and staff at risk."

The D.C. Department of Corrections said it could not comment on the lawsuit and would "respond through the appropriate legal channels once the complaint is formally received."

Macklin also claimed she received improper directions from her supervisor, including being told to stop investigating a suspected gang-related stabbing.

The reasoning passed along by the supervisor, according to the complaint, was that the victim did not want to cooperate with the investigation.

"This instruction made absolutely no sense," the lawsuit said. "There was CCTV footage of the incident, and clear indication that the violence could escalate if the matter was not addressed."

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> **Destinee Macklin,** speaking about the internal affairs unit in an interview

Though her lawsuit largely focused on her evidence of discrimination, Macklin relayed additional complaints to The Post in her interview.

She accused jail officials of purposefully suppressing drug-related cases to manipulate official statistics and failing to investigate serious allegations of smuggling and violence.

"Large amounts of drugs being brought in, someone being stabbed, someone being choked, these are crimes that deserve immediate attention," Macklin said, describing the investigative division's leadership as "lethargic."

Macklin also said a fellow investigator kept open hundreds of cases dating back to 2017 with no resolution, which she said was "unacceptable."

In response to those complaints, a corrections spokesperson said that the agency "does not agree with characterizations that its investigations are suppressed, statistics are manipulated, or oversight is lacking."

"OIS investigations are subject to supervisory review, and DOC leadership continues to reinforce the importance of accuracy, thoroughness, and integrity in all investigative work," the spokesperson said.

Keith, Macklin's attorney, told The Post that the corrections department's internal affairs unit has "no accountability structure."

"When you are in an environment like that, individuals become the law," she said. "The supervisor becomes the law."

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MARYLAND

School closures, quieter streets: Baltimore faces shrinking youth population

BY **JEAN MARBELLA**
Baltimore Sun

LaFayette Boone, Jr., imagined a childhood for his son much like his own in Baltimore, attending Catholic school and playing with other kids in the neighborhood.

The plan hit an early hiccup: Amid declining enrollments, St. Michael – St. Clement School in Overlea closed in June after his 5-year-old son's first and only year there.

It's certainly not the only school to shutter, as birth rates continue a decades-long decline in the U.S. The number of children living in Baltimore city dropped 13 percent between 2015 and 2025, while going down less than 1 percent statewide and about 2 percent nationally, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count Data Center.

The number of under-18-year-olds remained roughly level in Baltimore, Harford and Howard counties, and increased to about 3 percent in Anne Arundel and Carroll counties. Only Frederick County saw a substantial gain in children by 17 percent.

"Families are moving out of the city," said Boone, who lives in Hamilton and grew up amid hordes of kids in the southeast and northeast Baltimore neighborhoods of his youth. "When I was growing up, we were outside sometimes until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. Now when I come home late, what I've noticed is how quiet it is in the neighborhood."

Boone and his wife found another Catholic school, a little farther away in Towson, for their son to attend this fall. But he said he'll miss being part of the STM-STC school community, located just over the city line into the county, just minutes away from his home.

"We were very active. It was so convenient for us," he said. "My mom, who doesn't even live in the neighborhood, went there for bingo."

The closure "is very sad," said Friar Timothy Patrick Dore, a previous pastor of the school's church, St. Michael's the Archangel, which remains open, and has merged with two other parishes.

As family sizes have shrunk — the Baltimore native is one of seven siblings — so too have schools, he said. His own childhood schools closed years ago, as did the school for the parish in Brooklyn where he had served for 17 years.

The impact of a school closing ripples beyond the students, he said, with parents becoming active members of the church and activities beyond the classrooms.

"You're not just there to go to class," said Dore, who is now with the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. "You have Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. It's one big harmonious organism."

The decline in the child population hits all schools. Baltimore City Public Schools has seen its enrollment drop almost 9 percent in the past decade, although officials say the decline has leveled off in recent years.

Michael Bader, a sociologist and faculty director of the 21st Century Cities Initiative at Johns Hopkins University, said "rightsizing" schools is a challenge when child populations shift, in either direction.

"School construction and rightsizing is something that's very expensive and also emotionally fraught for good reasons," he said, "and so it's difficult to do."

Bader said the demographic shift has been underway for some time, with the population aging and people having fewer children.

"There's always been some movement from city to suburbs," he said. "This was a huge part of what happened with White flight, especially in the '40s through '70s in places like Baltimore."

The population of the city, which has been losing Black residents as well, has been trending downward for years but rose slightly in 2024, something Mayor Brandon Scott attributed to his administration's investments in reducing crime and vacant housing.

Despite the overall population being down, young people are moving to the city, which, compared to its counterparts on the East Coast, continues to be more affordable, Bader said.

"I meet young people all the time moving to Baltimore," said Kari Fulton, who herself moved to the city from Washington in 2018.

"I wanted to buy a house. I wanted to be somewhere I could get in on something in the midst of growth and change," she said.

Settling in the Upton neighborhood, which attracted her with its community energy, she enrolled her son, now 13, at Eutaw Marshburn Elementary School. But citing declining enrollments and deteriorating buildings, officials closed it and two other public schools in 2023.

"Every day I drive by it, and it's just sad," said Fulton, whose son now goes to ConneXions, a charter middle and high school in the Mondawmin area. "There are still people who want to be here."

Cities can, and do, change. Bader pointed to how in the past, he wouldn't have predicted that Washington's child population would have gone up. But it has, something he attributed to the district's solid economy, good housing stock and a focus on modernizing its schools.

"I don't think it's impossible for Baltimore to do the same," he said.

Baltimore could focus on job creation, improving its transportation and keeping young people here who might move once they start families. The city already has a sizable college-aged population that could be convinced to stay and develop roots, he said.

"There is kind of a tipping point where if enough families stay, then you kind of build a community," Bader said. "And you can build at least at a neighborhood level communities where kids come back."

Some of those children who used to populate Baltimore area schools are now in Frederick County, which has drawn families who say they can buy more house — and yard — and still be within commuting distance of Baltimore and Washington.

A query on a popular Facebook group, Frederick Mommas, which has about 9,600 members, drew Baltimore area expatriates who left to raise children in a less urbanized locale.

Natalie Mays grew up mostly in Carroll County, spending part of her time in Baltimore's Federal Hill, where her father lives. She and her husband owned a townhouse in Owings Mills before moving to Frederick last year with their 2-year-old daughter.

"We wanted more space," she said. "We definitely have more yard space — we had no yard space before."

Mays said she feels she has "the best of both worlds," living in a child-friendly neighborhood that is just 10 minutes from downtown Frederick.

Lindsey and Josh Canale had been living in a townhouse as well, in their case, Middle River, and moved several years ago in search of a home with a more "neighborly feel." They found it in Mount Airy, where they now live with their 2½-year-old son in a home on a half-acre of land with a backyard and a deck.

"Night is night here," Lindsey Canale said. "And we love, love our neighbors."

Still, there are trade-offs, she said, noting that there's less access to health care if you need something above the "run of the mill" level.

Tish Belton moved to Walkersville when she and her husband, who have a 4-year-old daughter, were looking for a newer house than they could find in Baltimore or Howard counties. They love their house and the small-town feel of the community, but think maybe they've already "outgrown" it.

She could see herself moving back at some point.

"I do think we're just not used to driving an hour to do something," Belton said, "or the amount of driving we have to do to see family."

MARYLAND

With murder trial underway, Charm City remembers its time with Tupac

BY **JEAN MARBELLA**
Baltimore Sun

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Tupac Shakur performs in Chicago in 1994. He lived in Baltimore from 1984 to 1988 and won a library contest with his lyrics in 1985.

BALTIMORE — Likely few rap stars are so beloved by the city they lived in for a mere four years that they merit both a baseball bobblehead and a forever place in its public library vault.

But Tupac Shakur, whose 1996 killing has finally led to a trial that began in Las Vegas on Monday, spoke so deeply to Baltimore that lines formed shortly after sunrise for his Orioles bobblehead night at Camden Yards this May. And the lyrics his 14-year-old self wrote to win a 1985 library contest — "Yo' Enoch Pratt, Bust this" — are housed in the Pratt's vault of valuables next to a lock of Edgar Allan Poe's hair.

"You can't take your eyes off him," Deborah Taylor, a retired librarian, remembers a contest judge writing.

Taylor said she picked up Shakur and his East-Side Crew of rappers, at the home he lived in at 3955 Greenmount Ave. in the Pen Lucy neighborhood because they didn't have a way to get to the contest. The crew bested about 10 to 12 other rap acts, performing at the Pimlico branch, which no longer exists, and then at the finals at the Pennsylvania Avenue branch, she said.

"It was packed," said Taylor, who retired after 43 years at the Pratt. "I heard someone in line saying, 'Oh my God, they're rapping in the library.'"

Taylor tossed the lyrics into her desk drawer, along with other programs and such from her years as coordinator of school and student services. When Shakur was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas in 1996, then Pratt CEO Carla Hayden decided to preserve the lined notebook paper in the library's vault, Taylor said.

"We always believed the library should be a place of expression," Taylor said, "not just a place to read."

She followed Shakur's rise, going to see the 1993 movie "Poetic Justice" that he starred in with Janet Jackson, and delighted to be invited to R House for another only-in-Baltimore honor, a launch of a Taharka Brothers ice cream, named after one of his most popular hits, "Keep Ya Head Up."

The song, a tribute to Black women and resilience, is among a body of work that critics say made Shakur one of the greats, blending personal experience and vulnerability with trenchant social commentary.

"Everyone agreed he was exceptionally gifted as an actor, and that contributed to his effectiveness as a rapper," said Donald Hicken, who was head of the Baltimore School for the Arts's theater department during Tupac's time there.

Tupac had a tough childhood, Hicken said, and that experience, along with his natural charisma and risk-taking, added to his art.

"It made him more emotionally available," Hicken said.

His mother, Afeni Shakur, who was a member of the Black Panthers in New York, moved Tupac, then 13, and his younger sister Sekyiwa, to Baltimore in 1984. Tupac attended Roland Park Middle School for eighth grade and Dunbar High School as a freshman, before learning about the arts school.

His audition, a scene from "A Raisin in the Sun," which he'd previously performed at a Harlem community theater group, won him a place in the class of 1989. There, he would become close friends with Jada Pinkett (before she added her married name, Smith) and was well known both for his acting chops and rapping.

"He came in sophomore year, and because it was a small school, within the first month everybody knew each other," said Maryland Del. Sean Stinnett, who was in the same class as Tupac.

It was a talent-rich environment, Stinnett said, with Josh Charles also in their class, and the likes of future Alvin Ailey dancer Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell at the school at the same time, as well.

Stinnett still thinks of Shakur as an actor. He was that good.

"You could believe whatever role he was portraying," Stinnett said. "You could turn your back, and still feel the character he was playing from the sound of his voice."

But in 1988, Afeni Shakur moved the family to California, much to Tupac's dismay.

"He always credited the school with where he learned to be an artist," Hicken said.

The acting teacher tried to keep Tupac, offering to get him a host family so he could finish his career. But a tearful Tupac told him he couldn't stay behind.

"I have to go," Hicken remembered him saying. "It's my mom and my sister."

Shakur's "Dear Mama," about his mother's struggles with poverty and addiction, was added to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry in 2010. Afeni Shakur died in 2016.

Stinnett recalled several years after graduation being on the beach in Venice, California, and hearing people buzzing: "Tupac is down there."

Having stayed in touch with him, Stinnett walked down to where the commotion was, saw his old friend, and the years melted away.

"It was like we had just seen each other," he said.

While they lost touch — Shakur continually had to change his number as his fame grew — Stinnett said he is hoping the trial will bring long-awaited justice for family and friends.

Duane "Keffe D" Davis, 63, is on trial for allegedly orchestrating the fatal shooting that also injured Marion "Suge" Knight, founder of Death Row Records, which had represented Shakur. He has pleaded not guilty.

"Justice has to be served," said Stinnett of the long-delayed accounting for the now 30-year-old crime. "You need closure."

For those in Baltimore, Shakur remains someone beyond his "Thug Life" persona.

Hicken thinks of that as a role that his student assumed, perhaps too well.

"I cautioned him about that," said Hicken, whom Shakur visited several times after he moved away. "That world is a very damaging and confused place. He was fully engaged in that world, and he was using it as an artist to express what he wanted to express.

"I'm afraid," he said, "his role consumed him."

Fraud charges against six current, former D.C. police employees follow audit

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enforcing it."

Prosecutors say that former sergeant Frantz Fulcher fraudulently received $174,915.39; officer Dorrie Smith Cleere fraudulently received $87,397.65; officer Thomas Krmenec fraudulently received $89,478; former senior police officer Bernadette Richardson fraudulently received $43,351.68; former lieutenant Peter Sheldon fraudulently received $18,272.72 and civilian employee Johnnie Dyer fraudulently received $27,721.59.

Those totals accounted for overtime claims in 2024 alone, prosecutors said.

Each defendant was charged with first-degree fraud, first-degree theft, forgery and "uttering," a charge related to improper use of forged documents.

The D.C. police department declined to comment, citing an ongoing investigation.

The cases originated in the attorney general's fraud and public corruption section, but, due to the office's limited jurisdiction as laid out by the Home Rule Act, local prosecutors had to partner with the U.S. attorney's office to bring the charges.

"Every day, we rely on law enforcement to uphold the public's trust. These [D.C. police] members betrayed that trust by scheming to collect unearned, undeserved income, costing the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars," said U.S. Attorney Jeanne Pirro.

On Wednesday afternoon, all six of those charged in the cases made their first appearances in court. They were released on their personal promise to return to court on Sept 23. Prosecutors for the U.S. Attorney's Office did not oppose their release.

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Prosecutors claim the accused collectively received more than $441,000 in overtime pay that they did not earn.

Like many cities, overtime pay has become a systemic issue in the District, as the city's public safety agencies suffer from recruitment and retention problems.

Last month, an auditor's report titled "D.C. Public Safety: Too much overtime, too few staff?" found that the District spent almost $220 million last fiscal year on overtime between the police department, fire and EMS, the citywide call center and the department of corrections.

Overtime accounted for about one-third of all hours worked by D.C. police personnel in fiscal year 2025, during which the city spent about $134 million on police overtime pay, the report said.

The D.C. police department has about 3,150 police officers, and Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) has called in recent years to increase that number to 4,000.

The police department doesn't have a minimum number of patrol officers, so deployments across the District vary based on operations, according to the audit. While that type of discretion allows police supervisors flexibility in assigning officers, it also "limits real-time overtime spending controls," the audit found.

At least two D.C. police members have been charged with overtime fraud in recent years over accusations of stealing far less money.

Medgar Webster, a former officer and former vice chairman of the D.C. police union, pleaded guilty in May 2023 to one count of first-degree felony fraud after prosecutors accused him of stealing more than $33,845 in overtime pay. Webster was ordered to pay restitution in that amount and was released on probation.

Less than a year later, in January 2024, officials arrested Marc Davis on fraud and other charges. Prosecutors had accused Davis of earning more than $46,000 in fraudulent overtime pay, but a jury found him not guilty in October of that year, according to court records.

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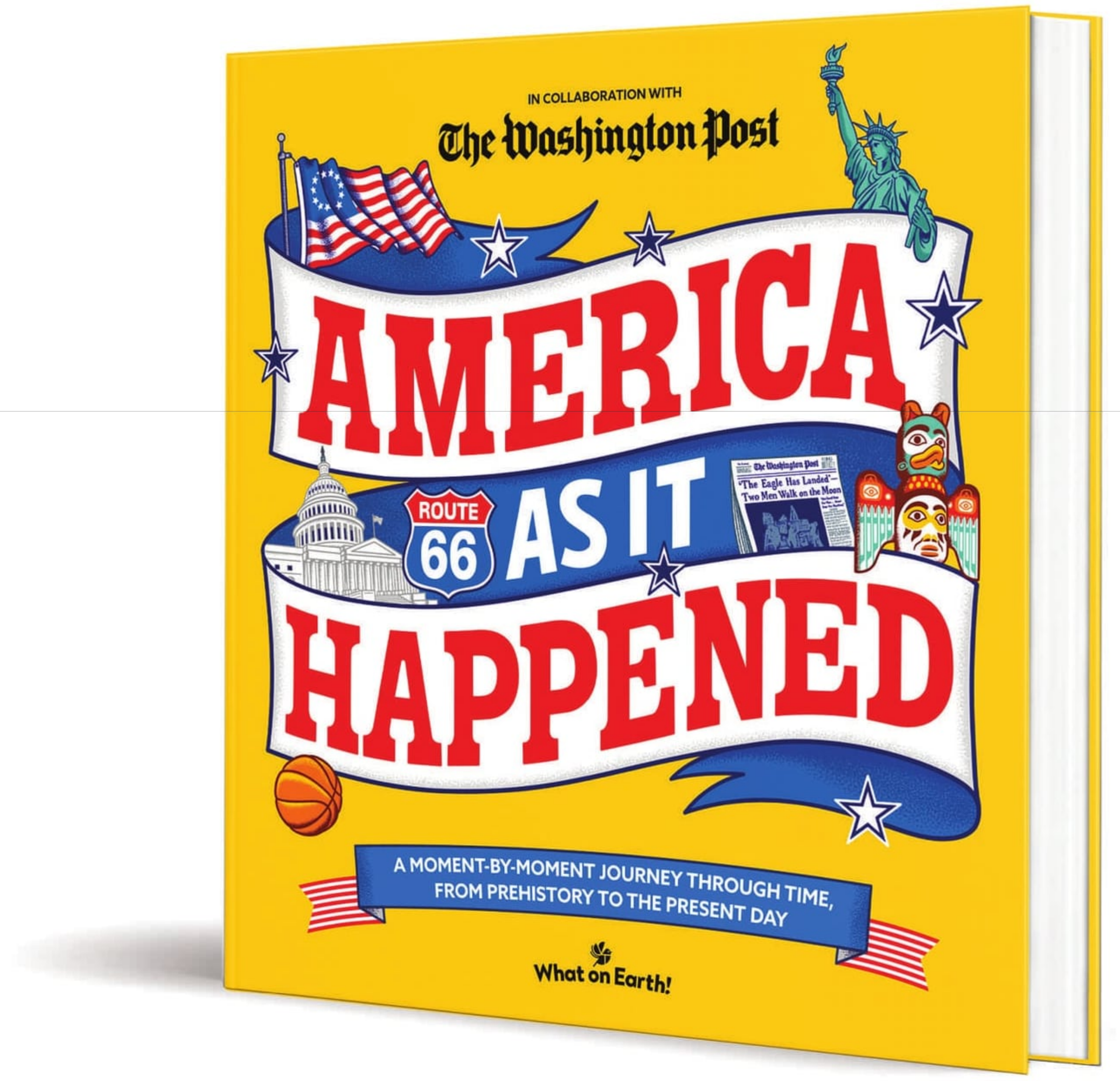
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OBITUARIES

MARTIN COHEN, 94

Executive who helped guide The Post's finances

BY HARRISON SMITH

Martin Cohen, a Washington Post Co. executive who helped guide the business in the 1970s and beyond, looking after the newspaper's finances while serving as a top lieutenant to publisher Katharine Graham, died Aug. 5 in West Palm Beach, Florida. He was 94.

He had pneumonia, said his son George Young.

Mr. Cohen spent more than three decades at The Post Co., serving as a board member, controller, treasurer and vice president of finance before retiring in 1997. Although he could be taciturn and reserved — he had the crisp discipline of a veteran Marine — he was known as a generous mentor to younger executives such as Alan G. Spoon, who joined the company when he was just turning 30 and went on to serve as president.

"He was the institutional memory," said Spoon, praising Mr. Cohen's dedication. "His underlying fiscal conservatism and financial conservatism never gave way. No luxuries for Marty, no luxuries necessarily for The Washington Post Company."

Mr. Cohen had a wide-ranging portfolio, working for the company at a time when its holdings included newspapers, television stations, Newsweek magazine and the Kaplan educational business. Over the decades, he navigated early investments into cellular phone technology, oversaw The Post's employee pension fund and guided the company's relationship with newsprint producers.

FAMILY PHOTO

As vice president of finance, Martin Cohen helped guide the business side of The Washington Post Co. for years.

He also helped Graham take the family-owned company public in 1971, during a tense period in which The Post followed the New York Times in publishing excerpts from the Pentagon Papers, a secret government history of the Vietnam War. Four years later, Mr. Cohen served as a bulwark to Graham and Mark Meagher, the newspaper's general manager, during the pressmen's strike, a contentious labor battle that threatened to shut down the paper.

"Marty Cohen was invaluable to The Washington Post Company through all the years he was there," said Donald E. Graham, who succeeded his mother, Katharine, as publisher of The Post and chief executive of the company.

"Kay Graham depended on his knowledge and judgment and often said how lucky she was to work with him," he added. "So were the rest of us."

The second of three children, Martin Cohen was born in Brooklyn on Jan. 8, 1932. Marty, as he was known, grew up in suburban Connecticut, where he was educated at a one-room schoolhouse before graduating from the private Bulkeley School in New London. His mother was a secretary and homemaker, and his father was an egg distributor, arranging deliveries between local farms and grocery stores.

Mr. Cohen received a bachelor's degree from Brown University, served as a Marine lieutenant in Japan and earned an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

After launching his financial career at Price Waterhouse, he worked on tax legislation as a consultant with the Treasury Department. He joined The Post Co. in 1966, serving as a special projects manager at Newsweek and The Post, and became a vice president at the company in 1974. In 1987, he was elected to the board.

By then, he had joined Post managing editor Howard Simons in buying a weekly Alaska newspaper, the Homer News. Simons had learned the paper was for sale after visiting Homer in the late 1970s on a birding trip, traveling to the ends of the U.S. highway system in hopes of spotting the red-faced cormorant.

Mr. Cohen's interests tended more toward golf and theater than birds. He served as president and board chairman of the Maltz Jupiter Theatre in Florida; was a trustee of the Philip L. Graham Fund, which supports Washington nonprofits; and was a board member of what is now Children's National Hospital.

His wife, Nancy Young Cohen, died in 2023. Survivors include his partner, Carla Darlington; three sons, Ed, Jon and George; a sister; and several grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICE

KEYS

MR. HOWARD EUGENE KEYS SR.
(Age 81)

Howard Eugene Keys Sr, 81 of Maryland, passed away on April 05, 2026. Born on January 10, 1945, in Washington DC. After graduating high school in the District and serving in the Navy he dedicated the remainder of his career to the United States Postal Service. Howard lived a full and meaningful life marked by his devotion to family, his love of sports, and a quiet, steadfast faith. He was cremated and his remains interred at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623, on June 5, 2026.

LENKIN

RONALD L. LENKIN ESQ.

On Wednesday, August 18, 2026, Ronald Lenkin, of Rockville, MD, passed away. Beloved husband of Wilma Lenkin; devoted father of Shelly Gordon (Jay Levin), Adam (Stephanie) Lenkin, and Craig (Robin) Lenkin; cherished grandfather of Danielle (Haim) Yeger, Jonah Gordon, Noah Lenkin, Ethan Lenkin, Claire Lenkin, Ryder Lenkin & Brody Lenkin.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, 11 am at B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville, MD. Mourners are also welcome to join by livestream. Interment will follow at Judean Memorial Gardens, Olney, MD. Family will observe Shiva Thursday at 7 pm at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd, Rockville, MD with Minyan at 7:30 pm. Shiva will resume on Sunday between 3-5 pm with Minyan at 7:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wilma & Ron Lenkin Holocaust Education Fund at B'nai Israel Congregation or TBA Cares at Temple Beth Ami. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

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DEATH NOTICE

MATHEWS

CHARLES MATHEWS JR.

The Officers and Members of Local #10, International Union of Elevator Constructors, are hereby notified of the passing of Honorary Brother, Charles Mathews, Jr. on August 15, 2026. Private services will be held at the family's request.

PATURIS

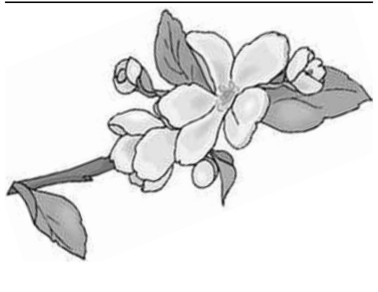
EMMANUEL MICHAEL PATURIS
(Age 93)

E. Michael Paturis, of McLean, Virginia, passed away August 17, 2026, at age 93. Born in Akron, Ohio, and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina, he devoted more than five decades to practicing law. He was barred in North Carolina, Washington DC and Virginia.

Graduating with high honors and awards from UNC Chapel Hill, Mr. Paturis practiced in Alexandria, specializing in taxation, trusts and estates, and estate planning. As an attorney and CPA, he was respected for his expertise and dedication to his clients. The Virginia State Bar honored him as a 50-year member in 2024.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann, and is survived by his daughter, Sophia E. Bruner; son-in-law, John; and granddaughters, Nicole and Jacqueline.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, August 20, at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Sophia.



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ANTHONY

CHARLES EDWARD ANTHONY
(Age 70)

Charles ("Chuck") Edward Anthony III, an award-winning architect from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, died at first light on Sunday, August 16, 2026. He was 70.

Born on January 12, 1956 to Charles E. Anthony Jr. and Helene Brannock Anthony, Chuck had deep Maryland roots. Nearly 10 generations of the Anthony family lived in Queen Anne's County, while the Brannock family has longstanding ties to neighboring Dorchester County.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Iris Krasnow; his four sons, Theo (Zia), Isaac (Courtney), Jack, and Zane; his granddaughter, Opal; his sister, Martha Anthony; his aunt, Carol Brannock; and his uncle, Samuel Brannock. He was the uncle of 11 nieces and nephews and the great-uncle of 14.

Chuck grew up in Centreville, Maryland and graduated in 1974 from Queen Anne's County High School, where he was a lettered, three-sport athlete. After high school, Chuck attended the University of Maryland, where both his parents attended, and earned a Bachelor's in architecture. As a young graduate, he worked as a carpenter in Santa Monica, California before entering professional architectural practice.

Chuck initially practiced architecture in Washington, D.C., with the firm Martin and Jones before establishing a practice of his own, at the age of 28. He later moved his firm to Annapolis, where Charles E. Anthony Architects became known for residential, institutional, and historic work distinguished by craftsmanship, proportion, and a marked sensitivity to place. Over the following decades, Chuck designed and restored houses across the Chesapeake region. He became particularly skilled at adapting historic buildings without erasing the qualities that make them distinctive. Many of his significant projects in Maryland and Washington, D.C. received significant regional and national recognition, including Maret School, Oldfields School, The Key School, St. Margaret's Church, and the Friary residence. Once asked to explain his design practice, Chuck replied: "How do you do what is right for this site?" The question captures much of his life's work.

At his family's 1940s farmhouse overlooking the Severn River in Annapolis, he practiced the same level of patient craftsmanship. He salvaged old heart pine on site and milled it into trim, designed a rift-sawn oak front door with master craftsman Chris Kellehner, and built a newel post containing a secret compartment for his children. His ethos permeated both professional and personal practice: preserve what deserves preserving, understand how things are made, use honest materials, and allow a building to accumulate the marks of the people who live there. Yet his practice never dipped into nostalgia–Chuck understood that to be connected with tradition required constant reinterpretation of their values in the present. It was in the way that he embodied this reinterpretation as an act of love that his creativity truly shined.

Alongside his beloved wife of four decades, author Iris Krasnow, Chuck raised four sons in their Annapolis home. Chuck was, above all, a steady father, husband, and calming presence in the lives of his family. He was gentle, wise, patient, and reliable, and a lifeline of sage advice. He gave his children the freedom to develop their own ideas, make their own choices, and find their own way. Though raised Methodist, after years of private research and preparation, he surprised his family by announcing his conversion to Judaism at the age of 50, in between cracking crabs on a beach vacation. Though unexpected, it quickly felt essential, as Chuck found in Judaism the same connection to tradition and the necessity of reinterpretation that had defined all other areas of his life.

Chuck wore bolo ties and patterns that few men would dare. He had a sweet tooth that he'd satisfy with mischievous smiles on his way to the cookie jar. He made chocolate milk for his sons, who thought he was the smartest man in the world when he knew all the answers on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? He chuckled ferociously, hugged gently, would sit and stare at the sea for hours. He coached sports teams, stayed up late with glue sticks and posterboards for science projects, and fell asleep in front of the TV watching his Capitals. He can be heard in the background of all the family home videos, proudly narrating his unwavering love. To all who met him, Chuck was a wise witness, exuding a confidence and intelligence that never drew attention to itself and was always in service of others. At times one would wonder if he was even listening. But at just the right moment, at just the right time, he would say just the right thing. How do you do what is right for this moment? Whatever it was, Chuck did it with humor and kindness, presence and grace. That legacy is etched into the hearts of his family and friends as permanently as it is into the buildings he designed. May his memory forever be a blessing.

A memorial service will be held at Temple Beth Shalom in Arnold, Maryland on Thursday, August 20 at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Key School in Annapolis or the Temple Beth Shalom Building Fund.

LIGNELLI

FRANK JOHN LIGNELLI (Age 79)

Frank John Lignelli, age 79, of Olney Maryland, passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2026. He was born on March 25, 1947. He was the beloved domestic partner of Cia Pardus for over 40 years; devoted father of Frank and Kevin, brother of the late Patty Pykosh; brother-in-law of Hank Pykosh; and uncle to several nephews and nieces. He is also survived by the Pardus family, who held a special place in his heart. In addition to his sister, Frank was preceded in death by his parents, John "Chummy" Lignelli and Mildred "Midge" Ostovich Lignelli. Frank was well known and highly respected in the mortgage banking business in Montgomery County, Maryland where he dedicated more than 30 years to the industry. Frank was a lifelong and dedicated Pittsburgh sports fan. His passion for Pittsburgh sports was a special part of his life and something he loved sharing with family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment is private. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, The American Lung Association, or a charity of your choice in honor of Frank.

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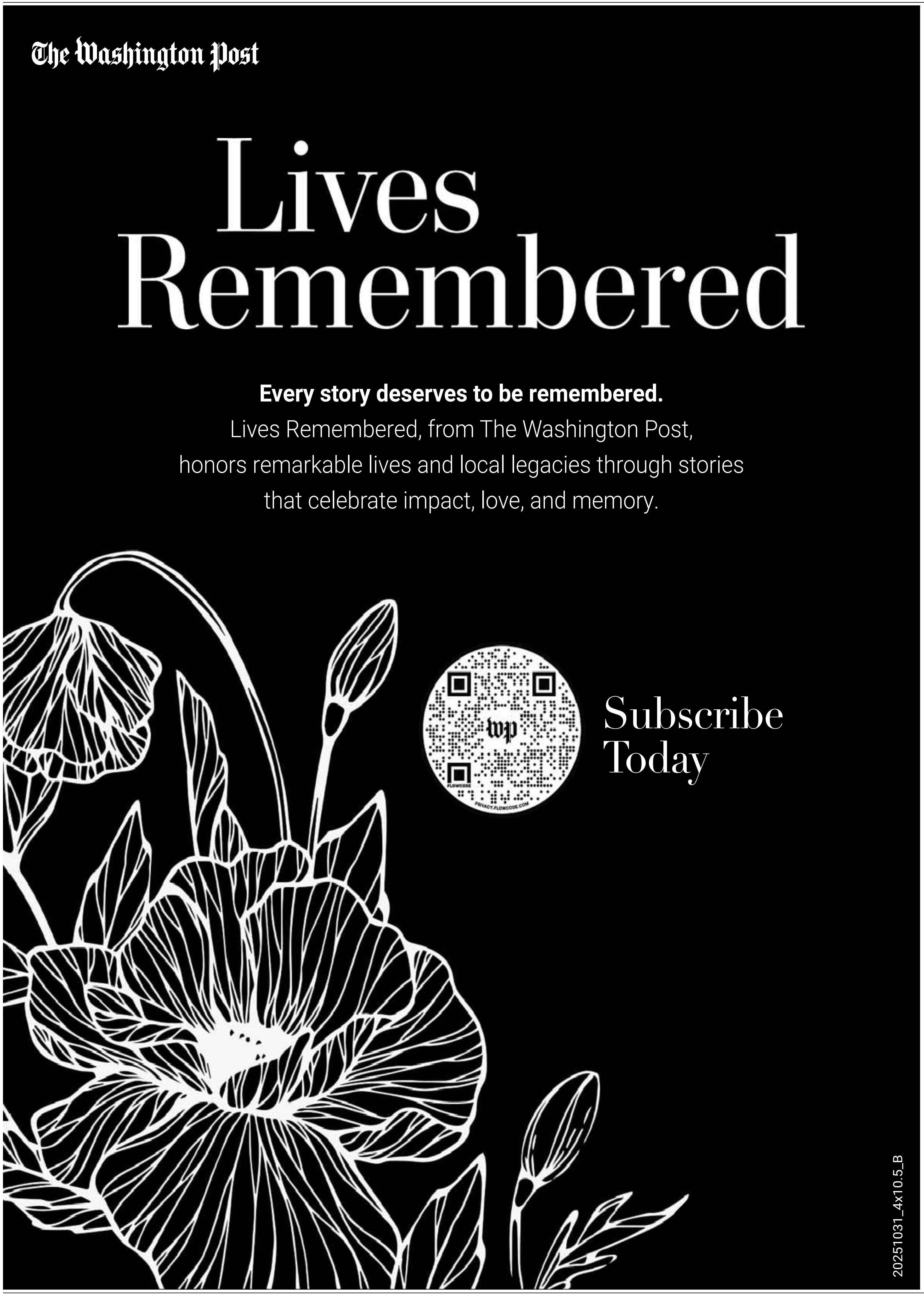

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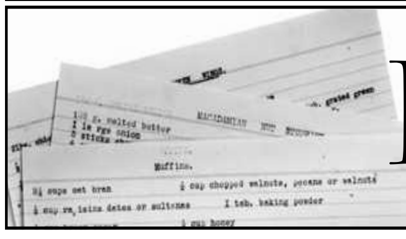

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THE WEATHER

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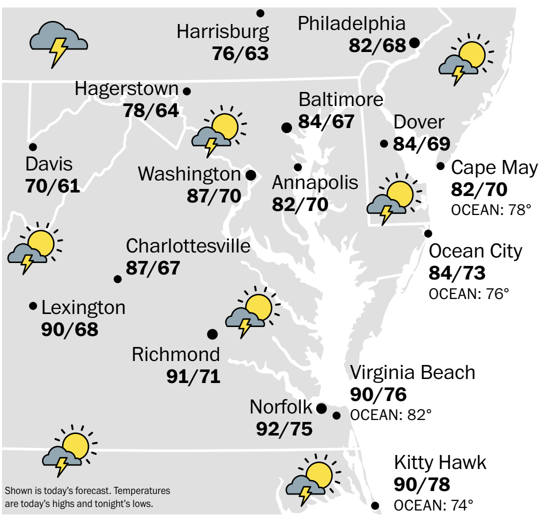
Possible showers, storms

Showers and thunderstorms are possible today, and high temperatures will be in the 80s. Some winds can be expected. In the evening, it's likely we'll have showers and thunderstorms, which would taper off to just a possibility of showers overnight. We'll have mostly cloudy skies and a low temperature around 70.

AccuWeather FORECAST

	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	T-storms	T-storm	Rain, t-storm	T-storm	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
	87° 70°	**81°** 72°	**83°** 70°	**86°** 68°	**84°** 66°	**83°** 68°
REALFEEL®	**99°**	**84°**	**89°**	**91°**	**87°**	**84°**
CHANCE PRECIP:	**90%**	**90%**	**95%**	**55%**	**10%**	**25%**
WIND:	**E 6–12 mph**	**NE 6–12 mph**	**ENE 4–8 mph**	**NW 6–12 mph**	**NW 7–14 mph**	**E 4–8 mph**
HUMIDITY:	**High**	**High**	**High**	**High**	**Moderate**	**Moderate**

REGION TODAY



Harrisburg 76/63
Philadelphia 82/68
Hagerstown 78/64
Baltimore 84/67
Dover 84/69
Davis 70/61
Washington 87/70
Annapolis 82/70
Cape May 82/70 OCEAN: 78°
Ocean City 84/73 OCEAN: 76°
Charlottesville 87/67
Lexington 90/68
Richmond 91/71
Virginia Beach 90/76 OCEAN: 82°
Norfolk 92/75
Kitty Hawk 90/78 OCEAN: 74°

Shown is today's forecast. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Pollen: High
Observed ratings on 8/19

Grass	Moderate
Trees	Low
Weeds	High
Mold	Moderate

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

Air Quality: Moderate
Main pollutant: Ozone

UV: Very High
8 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, humid, showers, a heavier thunderstorm. High 85. Winds west-southwest 4–8 mph. Tonight, widely separated thunderstorms. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, mostly cloudy, heavy thunderstorms. High 75. Winds west 7–14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm. Low 64.

Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, showers, a heavier thunderstorm in the afternoon, humid; storms can bring flooding and damaging winds. High 84. Winds south 6–12 mph. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, hot, humid, a heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon; storms can bring flooding and damaging winds. High 90. Winds south 8–16 mph.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, a few afternoon thunderstorms, some severe. Wind east 4–8 knots. Waves under a foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, a few thunderstorms, some severe. Wind southeast 6–12 knots. Waves 0–1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1–3 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.00 feet today, falling to 2.90 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides.)

Washington	**2:22 a.m.**	9:37 a.m.	**2:57 p.m.**	9:16 p.m.
Annapolis	6:17 a.m.	**11:04 a.m.**	5:30 p.m.	**none**
Ocean City	**1:30 a.m.**	7:42 a.m.	**2:13 p.m.**	8:51 p.m.
Norfolk	**3:33 a.m.**	9:40 a.m.	**4:12 p.m.**	11:00 p.m.
Point Lookout	2:48 a.m.	**7:35 a.m.**	1:19 p.m.	**8:43 p.m.**

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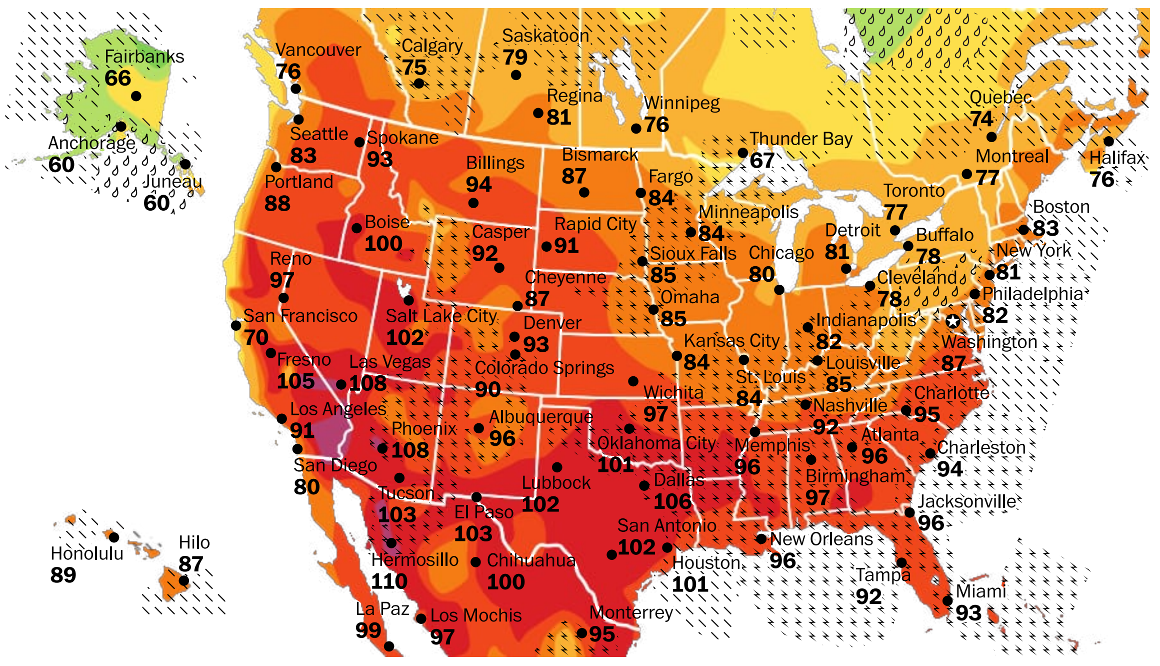
Weather map features for today.



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Showers	T-storms	Rain	Flurries	Snow	Ice
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<–10	–0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110+

Yesterday's National
High: Stigler, OK **111°**
Low: Stanley, ID **34°**
For the 48 contiguous states

Yesterday's World
High: Omidieh, Iran **117°**
Low: Calama, Chile **24°**
Excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	78/56/pc	82/61/s
Albuquerque	96/69/pc	95/70/t
Anchorage	60/52/sh	63/54/sh
Atlanta	96/76/t	92/73/t
Austin	104/78/s	105/77/s
Baltimore	84/67/t	81/68/t
Billings, MT	94/64/s	91/63/pc
Birmingham	97/74/t	91/73/t
Bismarck, ND	87/55/pc	87/54/s
Boise	100/69/pc	103/73/pc
Boston	83/66/sh	77/65/pc
Buffalo	78/55/s	82/63/s
Burlington, VT	79/55/pc	80/57/pc
Charleston, SC	94/78/t	94/76/t
Charleston, WV	81/67/t	81/65/t
Charlotte	95/73/t	91/70/t
Cheyenne, WY	87/60/pc	91/60/s
Chicago	80/62/s	79/66/t
Cincinnati	81/67/t	83/64/pc
Cleveland	78/59/c	82/63/sh
Dallas	106/83/pc	105/82/s
Denver	93/66/s	98/66/pc
Des Moines	81/65/pc	87/65/t
Detroit	81/59/s	82/62/pc
El Paso	103/76/s	102/76/pc
Fairbanks, AK	66/51/c	64/49/sh
Fargo, ND	84/57/pc	85/53/t
Hartford, CT	82/59/sh	81/60/pc
Honolulu	89/75/pc	89/77/sh
Houston	101/79/s	100/80/pc
Indianapolis	82/66/pc	82/64/s
Jackson, MS	100/76/t	98/74/t
Jacksonville, FL	96/75/t	95/75/t
Kansas City, MO	84/68/pc	88/69/pc
Las Vegas	108/88/pc	105/86/t
Little Rock	101/76/t	100/74/t
Los Angeles	91/70/s	92/70/s
Louisville	85/70/t	86/66/t
Memphis	96/76/t	95/73/t
Miami	93/80/t	94/80/t
Milwaukee	78/63/s	79/64/t
Minneapolis	84/65/t	82/65/t
Nashville	92/72/t	91/69/t
New Orleans	96/79/t	96/77/t
New York City	81/65/t	80/67/pc
Norfolk	92/75/t	83/74/t
Oklahoma City	101/73/c	106/76/s
Omaha	85/68/t	89/67/t
Orlando	93/77/t	94/77/t
Philadelphia	82/68/t	82/69/pc
Phoenix	108/90/t	112/90/pc
Pittsburgh	76/62/r	79/63/pc
Portland, ME	80/59/pc	76/58/pc
Portland, OR	88/62/s	83/60/pc
Providence, RI	84/64/pc	77/62/pc
Raleigh, NC	95/73/t	86/70/t
Reno, NV	97/64/pc	95/66/pc
Richmond	91/71/t	82/69/t
Sacramento	95/60/s	92/60/pc
St. Louis	84/68/pc	88/70/pc
St. Thomas, VI	93/81/s	92/81/pc
Salt Lake City	102/78/s	102/73/pc
San Diego	80/69/s	79/70/s
San Francisco	70/59/pc	69/57/pc
San Juan, PR	92/79/s	91/79/s
Seattle	83/59/s	81/59/pc
Spokane, WA	93/63/s	96/68/pc
Syracuse	78/53/pc	82/59/s
Tampa	92/79/t	90/81/t
Wichita	97/71/s	100/74/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	73/56/r	72/55/r
Amsterdam	70/60/sh	69/56/c
Athens	93/74/s	95/69/s
Auckland	59/48/pc	60/49/sh
Baghdad	111/90/s	112/85/s
Bangkok	89/79/r	89/80/sh
Beijing	89/74/t	91/74/pc
Berlin	76/56/t	77/58/pc
Bogota	69/49/sh	66/49/r
Brussels	71/57/pc	68/54/sh
Buenos Aires	62/43/pc	54/40/pc
Cairo	94/74/pc	95/75/pc
Caracas	78/68/r	77/67/r
Copenhagen	69/57/sh	69/54/pc
Dakar	89/83/t	90/81/pc
Dublin	62/46/c	63/45/sh
Edinburgh	63/48/sh	62/43/c
Frankfurt	78/56/s	73/54/sh
Geneva	75/61/sh	67/53/r
Ham., Bermuda	88/79/s	88/79/s
Helsinki	63/52/pc	69/54/sh
Ho Chi Minh City	90/78/r	91/77/sh
Hong Kong	88/82/r	89/82/r
Islamabad	88/76/t	89/76/t
Istanbul	89/71/s	87/72/s
Jerusalem	89/72/s	91/73/s
Johannesburg	81/51/pc	78/52/c
Kabul	94/67/pc	92/65/pc
Kingston, Jam.	92/81/t	90/82/t
Kolkata	91/81/r	92/80/r
Kyiv	87/68/s	94/70/t
Lagos	84/75/t	84/76/r
Lima	75/68/s	75/67/s
Lisbon	79/63/pc	78/61/s
London	72/53/sh	71/51/pc
Madrid	88/66/s	89/64/pc
Manila	92/80/r	92/80/t
Mexico City	77/58/sh	79/58/r
Montreal	77/58/s	78/60/s
Moscow	73/58/r	73/52/pc
Mumbai	88/81/r	87/80/r
Nairobi	75/55/c	79/57/s
New Delhi	92/82/r	94/81/t
Oslo	69/53/sh	68/52/sh
Ottawa	76/53/s	78/55/c
Paris	76/60/pc	73/56/sh
Prague	80/61/t	76/55/c
Rio de Janeiro	79/72/pc	80/67/s
Riyadh	109/83/s	108/83/s
Rome	91/77/s	88/73/t
San Salvador	92/70/pc	92/69/sh
Santiago	69/41/pc	76/46/pc
Sarajevo	96/62/s	98/64/pc
Seoul	83/75/c	84/75/sh
Shanghai	91/81/sh	90/81/r
Singapore	91/81/t	93/80/pc
Stockholm	65/47/sh	63/47/sh
Sydney	72/59/pc	72/53/sh
Taipei City	91/78/r	91/79/r
Tehran	105/77/pc	100/74/s
Tokyo	89/78/pc	89/77/t
Toronto	77/56/s	75/64/pc
Vienna	91/66/pc	80/61/t
Warsaw	76/63/sh	78/63/c

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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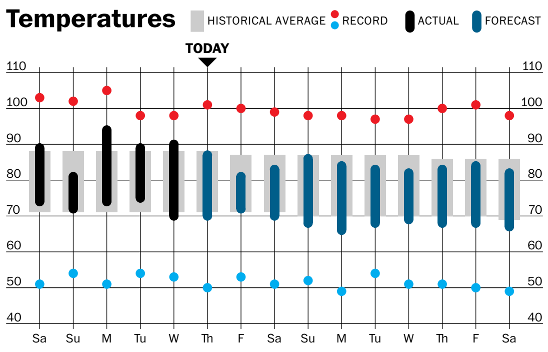
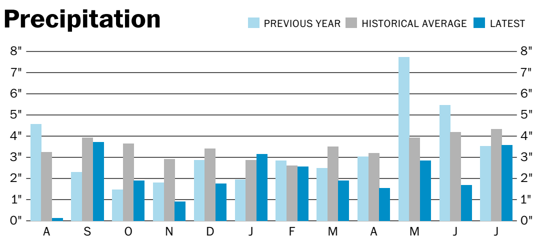


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**90°** 3:49 p.m.	**89°** 3:21 p.m.	**89°** 2:51 p.m.
Low	**70°** 6:00 a.m.	**62°** 5:42 a.m.	**64°** 5:26 a.m.
Historical Average	88°/71°	86°/65°	86°/66°
Record high	98° 2019	95° 2019	99° 2019
Record low	53° 1924	51° 1998	52° 1998

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+1.5°** yr. to date: **+0.4°**

Precipitation



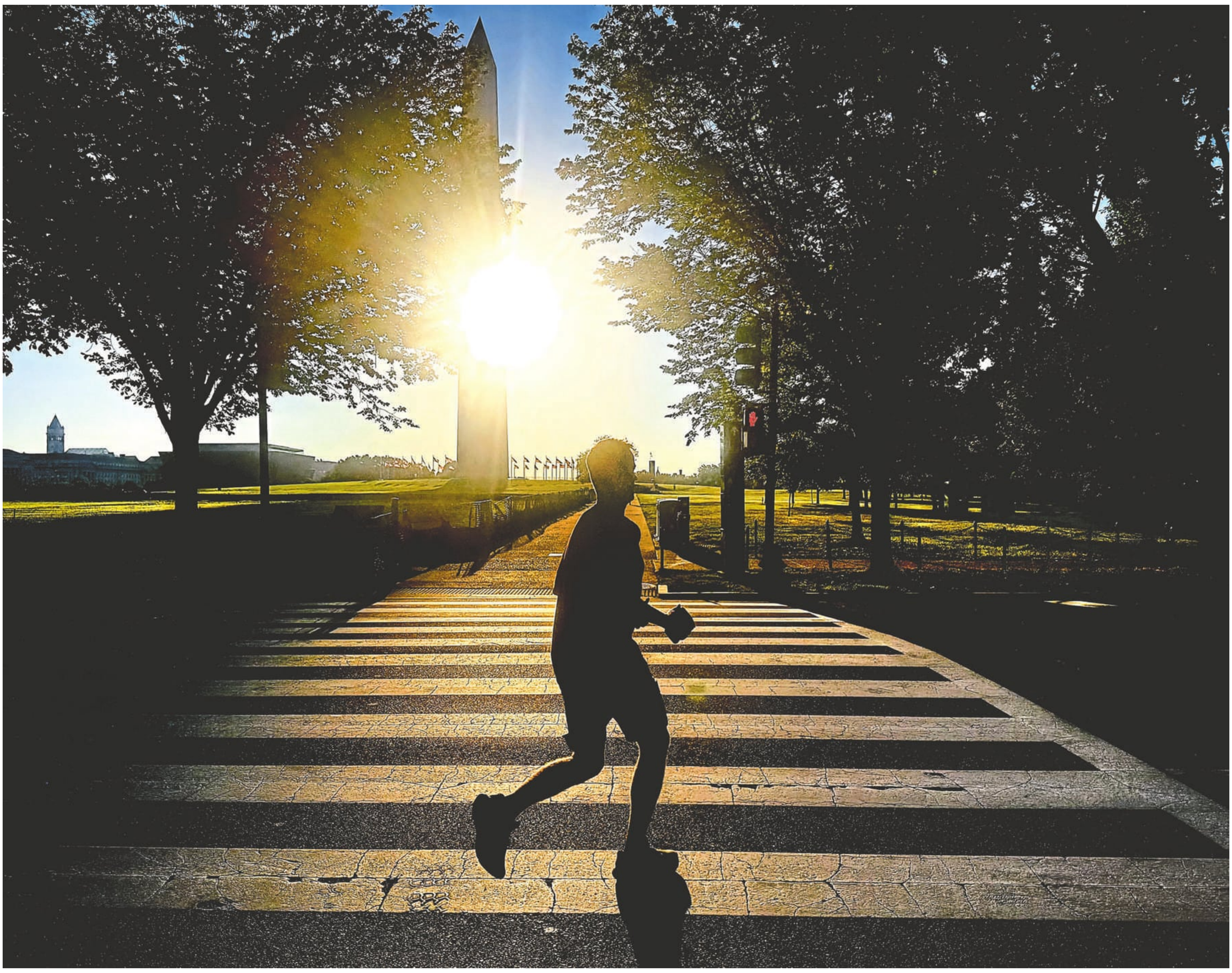
	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	3.48"	3.53"	4.18"
Historical Average (month)	1.98"	2.17"	2.55"
Total this year	20.77"	28.08"	24.95"
Historical Average (year)	26.64"	27.86"	28.24"

Moon Phases

Aug 28	Sep 4	Sep 10	Sep 18
Full	Last Quarter	New	First Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:26 a.m.	7:56 p.m.
Moon	2:55 p.m.	none
Venus	10:18 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
Mars	2:12 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Jupiter	5:04 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Saturn	9:56 p.m.	10:22 a.m.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Running through the rays
A runner crosses 17th Street near the Washington Monument on Wednesday shortly after sunrise. The day brought mostly sunny skies, but on Thursday, it's possible D.C. will have some wet weather.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
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NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION

Montgomery County
Application for State Discharge Permit, 25DP3896, NPDES Permit MD0068098:

United States Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District, 5900 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, DC 20016 applied for a new permit to discharge an average of 0.12 million gallons per day (when discharging) of water treatment plant process water, raw water, clear well emergency overflow, backwash water, and stormwater from the Washington Aqueduct, a drinking water facility located at 5900 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, DC 20016 to Little Falls Branch (Use I-P).

The Department published a tentative permit determination on December 4, 2025, and December 11, 2025. No public hearing was requested. The public comment period was to close on January 5, 2026, but was extended to March 6, 2026, after The Department received an extension request. The Department received written comments from three parties regarding the proposed draft permit. After considering the comments, the Department has made a final determination to issue the permit with the following changes from the tentative determination:

1. Footnotes are added in Special Condition I.A1 and I.A.2 to clarify soil erosion and scouring requirements.
2. Emergency discharges from the clearwell are removedis removed as an allowable discharge from the permit.
3. The language in Special Condition I.N has been updated to reflect the Department's current standard language regarding Protection of Water Quality.
4. A footnote is included in I.A.1 and I.A.2 clarifying reporting requirements for months when no discharge occurs.
5. Updated language in General Condition II.C.1 (Right of Entry) to address the need for other documentation besides State credentials.
6. Updated language in General Condition II.C.4 (Availability of Reports) to reflect that data deemed confidential under Federal law is not subject to availability.
7. Updated language in General Conditions II.C.15 (Civil Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions) and II.C.16 to reflect exclusions applicable to Federal facilities.
8. The final permit clarifies that the regulated parameter is "total recoverable aluminum." Note 3 (Special Condition I.A.1) regarding the aluminum water quality standard calculation is removed.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged from the tentative determination.

Per MD Environmental Article § 1–602(a)(2), an EJ score was calculated for this facility. The EJ Score is 51.70. This score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: Pollution Burden Exposure Percentile, Pollution Burden Environmental Effects Percentile, and Sensitive Population Percentile. For more information on how the score was calculated, launch the MDEnviroScreen tool from this website - https://mde.maryland.gov/Environmental_Justice/Pages/MDEnviroScreen.aspx

A copy of the final permit and response to public comments, as well as the final fact sheet and permit application may be downloaded from the Department's website at https://mdewwp.page.link/wwpportal. At that webpage, search for State Number 25DP3896, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.

Any person adversely affected by this final determination may request a judicial review. The judicial review must be filed no later than **September 21, 2026** in the circuit court of the county where the activity will occur. The 30-day filing deadline would typically conclude on Saturday, September 19, but has been moved to the next business day.

Persons wishing to review the final permit may do so by contacting Mr. Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division at 410-537-3859 to make an appointment. Copies of documents may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION

Montgomery County
Application for State Discharge Permit, 26DP2320, NPDES Permit MD0062073:

Montgomery County Yard Waste, 21210 Martinsburg Rd., Dickerson, MD 20842, submitted an application for renewal of a permit to discharge an average of 98,000 gallons per day of stormwater that has come in contact with composting activities, from 21210 Martinsburg Rd., Dickerson, MD 20842, to unnamed tributaries to the Potomac River and the Little Monocacy River, (Use I-P).

The Department published a tentative determination in The Washington Post on June 11 and 18, 2026. The Department received a request to extend the public comment period, and it was extended until July 23, 2026. The Department received written comments regarding the proposed draft permit. After considering all comments received, the Department has made a final determination to issue the permit with the following changes from the tentative determination:

1. Special Condition M.2 has been changed from 24 months to 36 months.
2. Special Condition M.2 has had language added to reaffirm the facility's option to submit studies early.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged from the tentative determination.

Per MD Environmental Article § 1–602(a)(2), an EJ score was calculated for this facility. The EJ Score is 39%. This score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: Pollution Burden Exposure Percentile, Pollution Burden Environmental Effects Percentile, and Sensitive Population Percentile. For more information on how the score was calculated, launch the MDEnviroScreen tool from this website: https://mde.maryland.gov/Environmental_Justice/Pages/MDEnviroScreen.aspx.

A copy of the final permit and response to comments, as well as some other documents, may be downloaded from the Department's website at https://mdewwp.page.link/wwpportal. At that webpage, search for State Number 26DP2320, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.

Any person adversely affected by this final determination may petition for judicial
review. Petitions for judicial review of a final determination or permit decision subject to judicial review must be filed per § 1-605 of the Environment Article no later than 30 days following publication by the Department of this notice of final determination. They must be submitted to the county's circuit court, which is specified in the permit application as the location where the proposed activity will take place. Petitions for judicial review must comply with the Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure. If a petition is not filed by **September 21, 2026** it will be considered a waiver of the right to judicial review of this final decision.

People wishing to review the proposed final permit may do so by contacting the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 455, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn: Mr. Paul Hlavinka, Chief, Industrial Stormwater Permits Division** or by calling (410) 537-3631 to make an appointment. Copies of documents may be obtained for $0.36 per page.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Availability of Draft Fiscal Year Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The City of Gaithersburg is preparing the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), which covers the grant period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Submission of this Plan is a requirement to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All activities funded by CDBG must meet one of HUD's national objectives and goals: to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- to moderate-income persons.

The City's draft FY25 CAPER reports on accomplishments of the past fiscal year and progress towards achieving goals identified in the 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan and the FY25 Annual Action Plan.

Residents and interested parties may provide feedback to the City on its FY25 CAPER in several ways. The Draft CAPER will be available for public comment for a 15-day period beginning on August 24, 2026, and ending at 5 p.m. on September 11, 2026. The Draft FY25 CAPER will also be available for review on the City's webpage at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/services/housing-services.

The Draft FY25 CAPER will also be available for review and public comment at the following location:

City Hall
31 S. Summit Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Additionally, the City will hold one public meeting for residents to attend and provide comments. This meeting will be held in-person on September 3, 2026, at 5:30 PM at 506 South Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

A Spanish-speaking interpreter can be available. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring reasonable accommodation related to a disability is asked to advise the City at least 48 hours in advance. Contact Human Resources Department at humanresources@gaithersburgmd.gov or 301- 258-6327.

For further information, contact Maureen Walker at 240-805-1119 or housing@gaithersburgmd.gov.

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On August 18, 2026, NOAA Fisheries published a proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA) for public comment on the Federal Register (open until September 17, 2026), pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The proposed IHA would authorize the "take" of marine mammals incidental to the Marine Structure Pile Maintenance and Replacement Project in Puget Sound, Washington. You can find information related to this action at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-marine-structure-maintenance-and-pile-replacement-program.

There is now pending before the **District of Columbia Superior Court** an action, case number **2025-CAB-008161** seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by Michelle Washington, located at **1471 Bangor St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20020**. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the **17th day of September, 2026**.

840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Jason A. Pardo, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

2901 Nelson Place, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0001 in Square 5505-S

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") dated November 21, 2019 and recorded on December 5, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019131658, Jesse Kaye ("Borrower"), as grantor, conveyed to Westcore Land Title Insurance Company ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, securing that certain Promissory Note (the "Note") dated November 21, 2019 in the original principal amount of $982,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated May 6, 2026 and recorded on June 18, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026059979 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing JASON A. PARDO and RUSSELL S. DRAZIN ("Substitute Trustees") as substitute trustees under the Deed of Trust, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 10:00 AM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 2901 Nelson Place, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0001 in Square 5505-S), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, which are not owned by any third party, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the noteholder. Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one (1) business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. Failure to timely tender the deposit or additional deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser and result in forfeiture of the deposit. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustees and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustees may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustees for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustees in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustees are unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustees reserve the right, in Substitute Trustees' sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo and Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Takoma Phoenix Condominium v. Juanita Vaughn in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. D-06-CV-25-029330 this 24th day of June 2026, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Juanita Vaughn of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Juanita Vaughn located at 7611 Maple Avenue, Unit #608, Takoma Park, MD 20912-5542 and further described as UNIT NO 608 of "Takoma Phoenix Condominium", according to the Declaration of Condominium dated September 21, 1999 and recorded September 27, 1999, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Liber 17527 at Folio 97, and the Bylaws of the Condominium dated September 21, 1999, and recorded September 28, 1999, as HOA 0481 in the Homeowners Association Depository in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and as per plat of Condominium subdivision recorded in Condominium Plat Book No. 79, Plats 7752 through 7757 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Being the same property conveyed Juanita Vaughn unto in deed recorded in Liber 18698 at Folio 318 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Juanita Vaughn's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Juanita Vaughn and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 10:30 am.**

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

Aug 20, 2026 0012524798

SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Chelsea Tower Condominium Council of Unit Owners, Inc. v. Adedayo Mseka in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. D-06-CV-24-026423 this 10th day of June 2026, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Adedayo Mseka of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Adedayo Mseka located at 7401 Westlake Terrace, Unit 1103, Bethesda, MD 20817 and further described as UNIT 103 AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "CHELSEA TOWER CONDOMINIUM AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PLAT NUMBERS 3144 THROUGH 3160 PURSUANT TO A DECLARATION RECORDED AT LIBER 6130 FOLIO 850, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Being the same property conveyed Adedayo Mseka unto in deed recorded in Liber 33535 at Folio 0634 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Adedayo Mseka's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Adedayo Mseka and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 10:15 am.**

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
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Francis Stoffa aka
Francis James Stoffa, Jr.
Gino Zaccardelli
1750 Tysons Blvd, #1800
Tysons, VA 22102

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Robert Stoffa, whose address is 602 Kingsberry Court, Cranberry Township, PA 16066 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Francis Stoffa aka Francis James Stoffa, Jr., who died on September 6, 2024 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before February 6, 2027. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before February 6, 2027, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Robert Stoffa
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

There now is pending before the **Superior Court of the District of Columbia** an action, **Case No.: 2026-CAB-002353** U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust v. Ricardo L Waldrop, seeking to affect title to the property located at **2100 Fendall Street SE, Unit 11, Washington, DC 20020**. A copy of the action is available in the Civil Division Clerk's Office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, if any, must be filed in the Civil Division Clerk's Office, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 5000, Washington D.C. 20001, on or before **Thursday, October 1, 2026**.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2026 ADM 000738

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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22310

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

VANESSA SHI-MING CHIN, whose address is 520 SADDLEBROOK DRIVE, LUCAS, TX 75002 was appointed personal representative of the estate of JOYCE CHO HSIN LING, who died on February 26, 2026 without a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 2/13/2027. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 2/13/2027, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

VANESSA SHI-MING CHIN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

To: Lloyd Martin

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-26-324. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on October 14, 2021, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Nadine Veronica Knight (DOB: September 28, 1993) and Lloyd Eugene Martin (DOB: February 7, 1972) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, phone number 240-777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 19, 2026, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

850 Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3719 Berleigh Hill Court, Burtonsville, MD 20866

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3719 Berleigh Hill Court, Burtonsville, MD 20866. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 21, 2004, and recorded in Liber 28238 at Page 475 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $74,900.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **September 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-02912373

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.35% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 26-301598.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

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Baltimore, MD 21286
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
2113 Queensguard Road,
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 2113 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906 . By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated October 26, 2009, and recorded in Liber 38299 at Page 443 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $526,102.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **September 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-02972684

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-298625.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

2709 SHAWN COURT
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Bombay Mboma and Raeshauna Mboma dated July 30, 2013 and recorded in Liber 35051, folio 614 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0383018.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-002256-MD-F-6.

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PROBATE DIVISION
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2025 ADM 000751

Charlie Edward Mahone Jr.
Olesya Sidorkina, Esq.
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Gail Denise Wright (aka Gail D. Wright), whose address is 1028 Welsh Drive Rockville MD 20852 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Charlie Edward Mahone Jr., who died on January 25, 2025 with a will and will service with Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 02/20/2027. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 02/20/2027, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

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To: Lloyd Martin

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-26-325. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a male child born on October 14, 2021, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Nadine Veronica Knight (DOB: September 28, 1993) and Lloyd Eugene Martin (DOB: February 7, 1972) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, phone number 240-777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 19, 2026, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

To: Lloyd Martin

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-26-326. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on December 11, 2023, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Nadine Veronica Knight (DOB: September 28, 1993) and Lloyd Eugene Martin (DOB: February 7, 1972) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, phone number 240-777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 19, 2026, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
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8546 PARAGON COURT
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 8, 2019, recorded in Liber 42141, Folio 460 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $293,584.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 380572-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
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7226 FLAG HARBOR DRIVE
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2021, recorded in Liber 46110, Folio 341 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $294,566.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:05 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #06-2803146.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 26-000960-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

12306 BACKUS DRIVE
BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 22, 2009, recorded in Liber 30720, Folio 381 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $293,462.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:31 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $41,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 341842-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
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9800 SPAR COURT
CHELTENHAM, MD 20623

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 18, 2015, recorded in Liber 37266, Folio 483 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $294,143.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:33 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 371317-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
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805 GREEN HILL AVENUE
LAUREL, MD 20707

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 9, 2008, recorded in Liber 29878, Folio 620 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $289,711.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 377950-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
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4307 TORQUE STREET
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 8, 2022, recorded in Liber 48308, Folio 173 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $187,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:29 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 383826-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
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6306 GILBRALTER COURT
BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 15, 2005, recorded in Liber 23987, Folio 380 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $355,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:25 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $57,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 35526-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

2804 WINTERBOURNE DRIVE
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2024, recorded in Liber 49511, Folio 281 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $760,962.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:23 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $75,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 378094-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1905 BARLOWE PLACE
LANDOVER, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 6, 2025, recorded in Liber 50550, Folio 207 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $300,700.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:21 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 383168-1)

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815 Legal Notices

To: Nadine Knight
You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-26-325. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a male child born on October 14, 2021, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Nadine Veronica Knight (DOB: September 28, 1993) and Lloyd Eugene Martin (DOB: February 7, 1972) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk’s Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, phone number 240-777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 19, 2026, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

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To: The Unknown Father
You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-26-324. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on October 14, 2021, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Nadine Veronica Knight (DOB: September 28, 1993) and an unknown father (DOB: unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Order may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk’s Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, phone number 240-777- 9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 19, 2026, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

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815 Legal Notices

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You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-26-326. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on December 11, 2023, in Rockville (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Nadine Veronica Knight (DOB: September 28, 1993) and an unknown father (DOB: unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Order may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk’s Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, phone number 240-777- 9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 19, 2026, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

Case No. CL 26-3530

IN RE: SURPLUS FUNDS
DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF
11902 STANSBURY DRIVE,
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407

SHARON MARTIN, AS
HEIR-AT-LAW OF
EDWIN W. MARTIN

RAYMOND MARTIN, AS
HEIR-AT-LAW OF
EDWIN W. MARTIN

SHERRY MARTIN, AS
HEIR-AT-LAW OF
EDWIN W. MARTIN

UNKNOWN HEIRS, AS
HEIR-AT-LAW OF
EDWIN W. MARTIN

Interested Parties.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to distribute surplus funds pursuant to the sale ofreal property known as 11902 Stansbury Dr. Fredericksburg, VA 22407.
It is hereby ORDERED that Raymond Martin, heir-at-law of Edwin W. Martin, appear in the Circuit Court Spotsylvania County, Virginia to protect his interest in this matter on or before October 5, 2026 @ 9:00 AM; and
It is hereby ORDERED that the Unknown Heirs of Edwin W. Martin appear in the Circuit Court Spotsylvania County, Virginia to protect their interest in this matter on or before October 5, 2026 @ 9:00 AM ; and
It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the *Washington Post*, a newspaper of general circulation in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. *The Washington Post* shall send the Certificate of Publication and the bill to: Aldridge Pite LLP, c/o Kathryn H. Kellam, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, Virginia 23229.

Enter this 3rd day of August, 2026

William E. Glover
Judge

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By Counsel
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Lydia R. Carroll, dated May 7, 2020 and recorded in Liber 43619, folio 218 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:16 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property is subject to a front foot benefit.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $35,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #25-601098).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg
Mark D. Meyer
Sara Tussey
Andrew Higgins
Patrick Clowney, Jr.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Christopher A. Adams, aka
Christopher Antonio Adams
4901 Iverson Place
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-002926

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **30th day of July, 2026** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **4901 Iverson Place, Temple Hills, MD 20748** made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **31st day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **31st day of August 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$368,979.50**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

FILE NUMBER:23-000705-MD-F-2

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851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

PURCELL HOLDINGS LLC
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C-16-CV-25-002785

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **31st day of July, 2026** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Angela M. Tonello, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **11709 Butlers Road, Clinton, MD 20735**, and reported, in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **31st day of August, 2026** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **31st day of August, 2026**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$338,500.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE'S

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5818 BLACKHAWK DRIVE
OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Verdell Houston, dated December 19, 2003 and recorded in Liber 18841, folio 67 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:14 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $5,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 6.125% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #26-600383).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

ELVIRA ELIZABETH GARCIA
JORGE ALBERTO GARCIA
2225 Harwood Lane
Bowie, MD 20716
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-002023

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **13th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **2225 Harwood Lane, Bowie, MD 20716** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **14th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$370,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

WILLIAM CAUDILL
3817 Swann Road, Unit 301
Suitland, MD 20746
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-001912

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **13th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **3817 Swann Road, Unit 301, Suitland, MD 20746** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **14th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$79,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-381679

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851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

BENNARD J. CANN
CLARENCE E. TERRELL, JR.
(DECEASED)
6717 Pine Grove Drive
Suitland, MD 20746
Defendant(s).

Case No.CAEF19-18392

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **13th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **6717 Pine Grove Drive, Suitland, MD 20746** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **14th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$210,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-182269-3

Aug 20,27,Sep 3, 2026 0012524705

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

MAXINE J. YANCEY
9706 Wyman Way
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-001684

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **30th day of July, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **9706 Wyman Way, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **31 day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **31 day of August, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$337,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-381120

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851 **Prince Georges County** 851 **Prince Georges County**

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

7509 GRANGE HALL DRIVE
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Myrtle M. Heade, dated November 18, 2004 and recorded in Liber 22736, folio 198 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 11:12 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $6,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 11% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #23-600426).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

TINA M. KREAMER
AKA TINA CLARK
7803 Chestnut Avenue
Bowie, MD 20715
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-002290

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **14 day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **7803 Chestnut Avenue Bowie, MD 20715** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **14 day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **14 day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$330,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-368206-10

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855 **Charles County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU, ET. AL
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

vs.

ANTONICIA HOLMES, ET. AL
Defendant(s).

Case No.: C-08-CV-24-000753

NOTICE

ORDERED this **13th day of August, 2026** by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **6008 Suzanne Rd, Waldorf, MD 20601** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana C. Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **15th day of September, 2026** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **14th day of September, 2026** next. The report states the amount of sale to be **$321,200.00**.

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County, Maryland

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855 **Charles County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

SEATTLE BANK, et al,
Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF
ELAINE H MOSES et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-08-CV-26-000049

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **11th day of August, 2026**, that the sale of the property in this case, **733 HATFIELD COURT, WALDORF, MD 20602**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **11th day of September, 2026**, provided copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, newspaper published in CHARLES County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **10th day of September, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$239,200.00**.

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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851 **Prince Georges County** 851 **Prince Georges County**

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Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
7145 Marbury Ct
District Heights, MD 20747

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to FEDERAL TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, Trustee(s), dated December 29, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 26924 , folio 379, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 N. COMMERCE STREET, CENTREVILLE, MD 21617 ON,

AUGUST 24, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 06-0609081.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $16,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (20-04229)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
ROBERT OLIVERI, AND PAUL HEINMULLER,
Substitute Trustees

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300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
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872 **Fairfax County**

Trustee's Sale
3017 FEDERAL HILL DR, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22044
(Parcel ID: 0514 12 0022)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 1/17/2006, in the original principal amount of $400,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Fairfax County, Virginia on 1/18/2006, as Instrument No. 2006002016.002, in Book 18137, Page 1840, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **11/3/2026 at 12:45 PM,** Main entrance of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, the property designated as 3017 FEDERAL HILL DR, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22044.

Lot 22, Section 1-B, Federal Hill, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5031 at Page 613, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $40,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 26-41559, Tel: 888-313-1969

Aug 20,Oct 1,8, 2026 0012524811

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876 **Loudoun County**

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
810 Cattail Lane NE,
Leesburg, VA 20176

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $135,000.00 dated April 25, 2007 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Loudoun County on May 25, 2007 as Instrument Number: 20070525-0039492, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, 18 E Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20178 on **October 8, 2026 at 12:00 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL RIGHTS, WAYS, EASEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREUNTO BELONGING OR APPURTENANT THERETO, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 45, SECTION 1 EXETER, AS SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 844 AT PAGE 951 AND RE-RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 852 AT PAGE 1537, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Tax ID: 187175260000.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(Trustee # 26-005983)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

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852 **Anne Arundel County** 852 **Anne Arundel County**

Brock and Scott, PLLC
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
1123 Lake Heron Drive, Unit 1B
Annapolis, MD 21403

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to WILLIAM T. MORRISON AND PHILLIP M. RUDISILL, Trustee(s), dated September 15, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 39153 , folio 194 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 06-533-90223983.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $27,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6.125 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (25-16134)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
ROBERT OLIVERI, AND PAUL HEINMULLER,
Substitute Trustees

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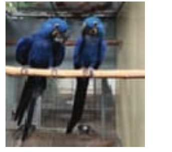

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
5684 VIRGINIA LN
OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2012, and recorded in Liber 33986, folio 191, of the land records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $240,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 24, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 12-5523920

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 9:30 AM

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 AT 1:12 PM

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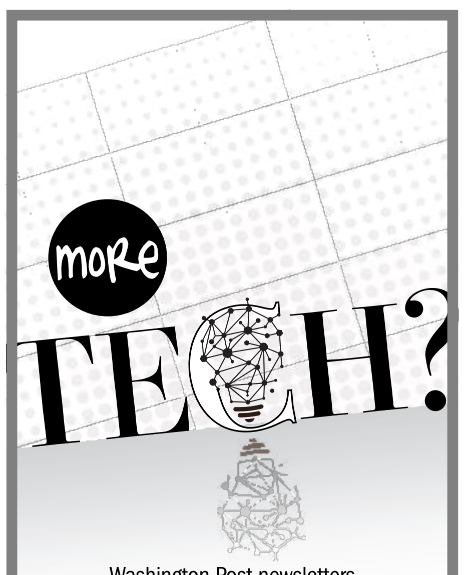

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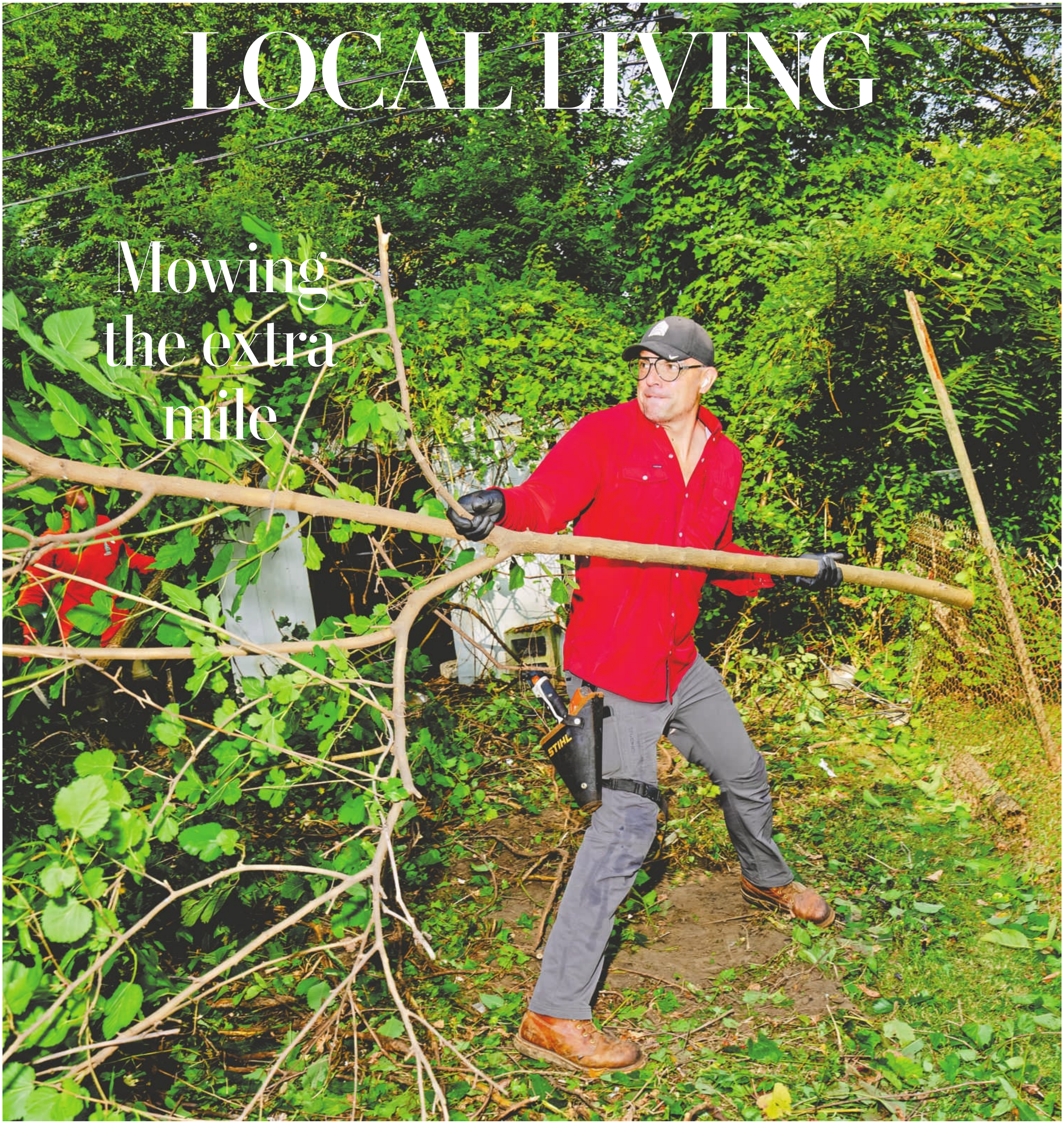

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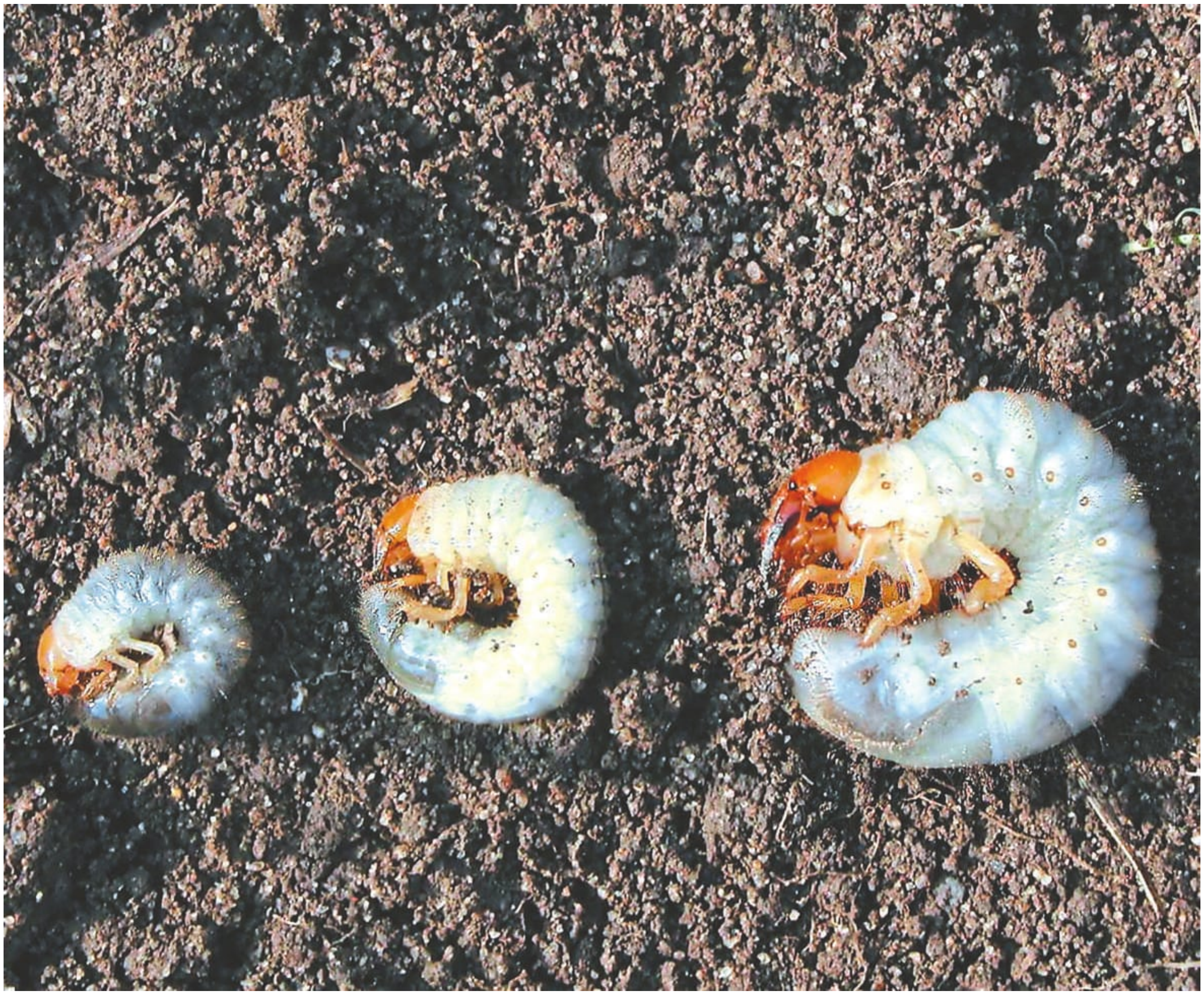
How to test your lawn for grubs, and what to do if you find them

BY JESSICA DAMIANO
Associated Press



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Three species of grubs, from left: Japanese beetle, European chafer and June bug. Grubs are the early life forms of beetles.

What does it mean when brown patches show up in a perfectly healthy lawn? The truth is, it could be anything — drought, dog urine, fungal diseases, pests or too much fertilizer. But many homeowners automatically blame grubs.

The problem with this is that it's often not the case, and even if grubs are present, small populations are not problematic.

Treatment should only be applied after confirming a true grub infestation. Fortunately, there's a simple way to check, but action must be taken during a specific window of time to be effective. And that time is nigh.

How to know whether grubs are the culprit

Grubs are the early life forms of beetles, including European chafers, and Asiatic, Japanese and Oriental beetles. They live close to the surface under lawns and other plants, where they feed on roots, disconnecting the roots from the plants' top growth.

Confirming their presence is easy: Dig up a 3-to-4-inch-deep, 12-inch-square section of symptomatic lawn that partially overlaps the border of healthy grass.

If there are grubs in the lawn, the whitish, brown-headed, beetle larvae — which are about ½ to 1 inch long and resemble shrimp — will be visible either on the underlying soil or on the underside of the sod-like square you removed. They're generally curled into the shape of the letter C.

Fewer than 10 grubs per square foot of soil is normal and does not indicate an infestation, so you should not take any action. Instead, seek out other potential causes.

If grubs are the problem, what's the solution?

Treatment against grubs should be applied only if there are 10 or more of the insects present under the section of turf you removed. Heavily infested lawn sections will easily roll up like a carpet when you attempt to remove them, their roots severed by the feeding insects.

Because grubs are most vulnerable to pest-control measures when they are young, those measures will be effective only if applied in late summer.

Milky spore powder is a natural product that targets only Japanese beetle grubs. Unfortunately, it's not always easy to discern between the species. If you are certain your grubs are the Japanese variety, you can give it a try, but success rates are mixed, with better outcomes reported in warmer regions.

Beneficial nematodes are microscopic, non-segmented worms that attack soil-dwelling insects, including all types of grubs. They're a more universal approach, with higher success rates. They, too, are natural, as they already exist in the soil; you would just be adding more. The nematodes work by infecting grubs with a bacterium that can kill them in as little as 48 hours.

Grubs live close to the surface under lawns and other plants, where they feed on roots, disconnecting the roots from the plants' top growth.

There are many nematode species available, so read package labels and look for the *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* (Hb) strain, which targets grubs.

To optimize effectiveness, water the soil well before applying either treatment.

Avoid using chemical treatments, which can be toxic to earthworms, honeybees and other pollinators, as well as to pets and wildlife. Some are even toxic to humans.

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Viral yard makeovers aren’t just for views

The popular videos of free cleanups do more than entertain. They inspire.

BY KATE MORGAN

Three years ago, Sean Stockman mowed a lawn in Detroit and it changed his life.

Stockman, 44, was two decades into a stable corporate job with an automotive company. He noticed an out-of-control lawn in his neighborhood and decided to take it upon himself to mow it.

“I thought it’d be relaxing for me, like a stress reliever from work,” he says. He was also inspired by a friend with a popular YouTube channel showing videos of yard transformations. Stockman filmed the cleanup and put the video online. Today, he has more than a million subscribers on YouTube. Income from sponsorships and ads allowed him to leave his desk job, and he now creates lawn care content full-time.

“I think the genre started with these videos where you see something chaotic and you watch the process, and chaos becomes organized and there’s this satisfaction,” Stockman says. “That’s what people like so much.”

The videos typically begin with shots of a property so overgrown that it’s hard to see the house or driveway. In time-lapse, chest-high weeds and brambles give way to neatly cropped grass. Sidewalks and paths are unearthed with a shovel. Vines are pulled away from fences, and sometimes trees are even felled.

There’s quite a bit of demand for yard-makeover

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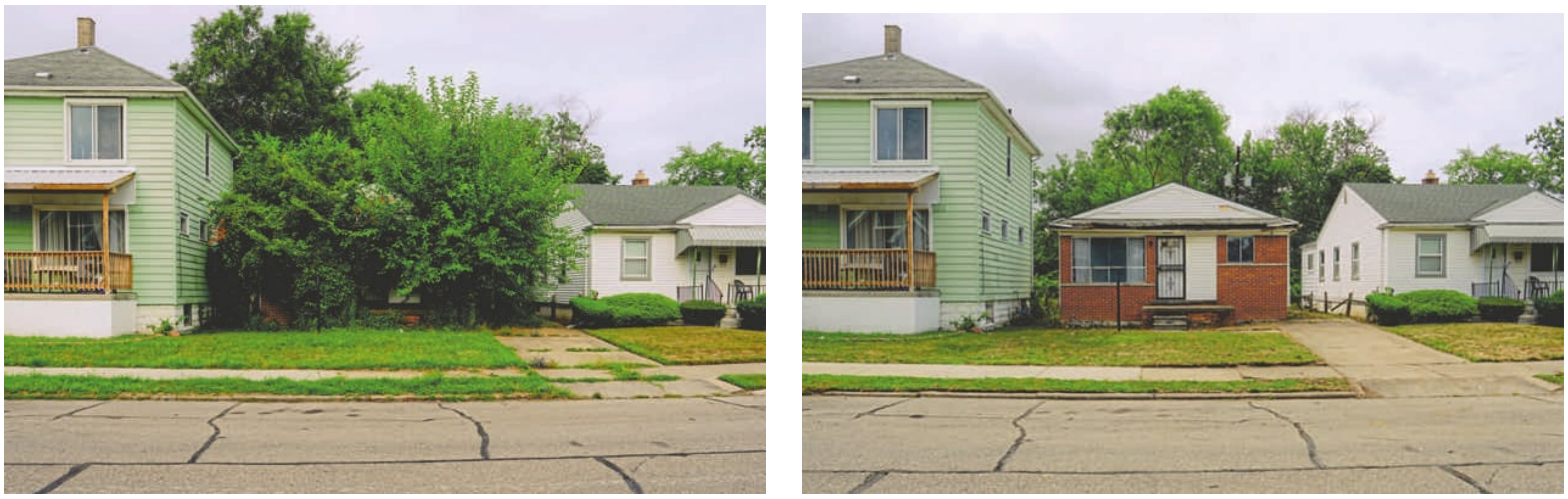
Alaa Al-Naser, left, and Wasim Idris help Sean Stockman, not pictured, transform an abandoned home in Detroit.



From left, before and after views of the Detroit property that Stockman and his crew restored. “Chaos becomes organized and there’s this satisfaction,” Stockman says of the videos he and others post, which typically show a time lapse of an overgrown property giving way to a clean one.

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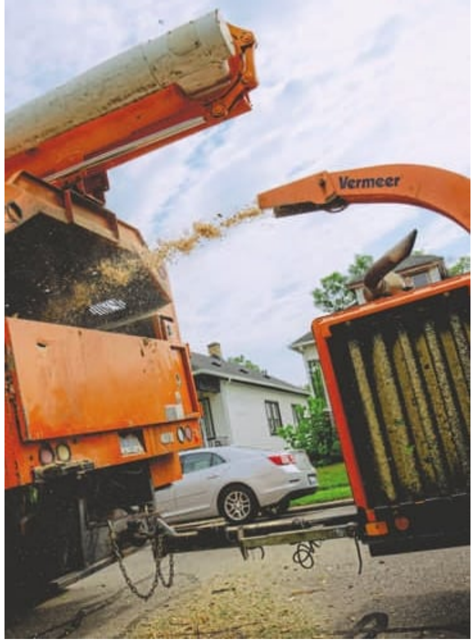
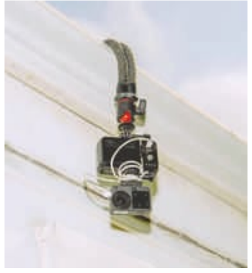


Stockman, above, left a corporate job to do charitable yard work. Part of the cleanup in Detroit required a wood chipper, left. Below, the camera that recorded the cleanup for Stockman's YouTube channel, which has more than a million subscribers.



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content like Stockman's. The friend who inspired him, Al Bladez — that's his real last name — also has more than a million YouTube subscribers. Martin and Daniel Hernandez, a father-son duo in Texas, have 600,000-plus. Tim Parker, an Australian creator known as "Tim the Lawnmower Man," has about 3 million followers across social media platforms.

Then there's Spencer Bosley, the 26-year-old Wichita landscaper behind SB Mowing. He is the indisputable leader of the pack with 55 million followers and more than 3 billion annual views on his channels.

But it's not all about views and followers. It's about doing something meaningful for people in the creators' communities. Some find their properties by crowdsourcing — they ask followers to submit yards for consideration. Others simply knock on the front door and ask whether it would be okay to start trimming. Most of the out-of-control yards belong to people in need, and the mowers don't charge a dime.

"This has all morphed from just cutting tall grass for the shock-and-awe video — though I still do crazy yards — into a reminder that people are good and they want to help each other," Stockman says. "I really want to focus on this idea of sustainability. I can come in and do all this work, and that's no problem. I'll reset your property. But how can we get you back on your feet?"

Kevin Hansen, a 35-year-old who started mowing lawns for free in Tulsa six years ago, feels similarly. "A lot of people are struggling just to make ends meet. Lawn service is costly, and a regular push mower now costs more than $500. Sometimes it's older people who are on a fixed income, or who are physically not capable of taking care of it."

Before he ever mowed a yard for free, Hansen had a lawn care business and a YouTube following on the channel Lawn Care Juggernaut, where he offered aspiring landscapers advice on starting a business.

Hansen's first free mow was at a vacant property near his home that he simply wanted to take care of. After he finished, he told his wife he felt called to do the charitable work, though she cautioned that his audience might not like it. "The YouTube niche for lawn care creators at the time was, 'How much can you make per hour?'" Hansen says. "At the time, I was pretty worried that I was going to lose subscribers putting it on YouTube saying I cut something for free."

Instead, Hansen's following grew, as did his philanthropy. The new wave of watchers didn't care about the free mows. They just "wanted lawn care without commentary, tips and tricks," he says. "I was like, that sounds boring to me, but whatever. So I started The Boring Channel as a joke." Now the YouTube channel has more than 700,000 subscribers, and Hansen is still not charging clients.

For many on the receiving end, free lawn service means a massive burden lifted. And some creators are taking things further. In January, Bosley started a GoFundMe to cover repairs and accessibility upgrades at the home of an elderly woman whose yard he had done. It has raised close to a million dollars. This spring, it happened again: A fund to help a new widow with dental and medical care raised nearly $680,000.

Stockman's viewers have donated money to replace one man's stolen lawn mower so he could resume caring for his property himself. They've also raised enough to buy a client a car and to provide an elderly woman with a new wheelchair and install a ramp into her home.

"I just did a GoFundMe for a mother with three kids. Her roof had tarps on it, holes in it, it was terrible," Stockman says. "I set the goal at $25,000 for a new roof, and within 24 hours it was at $58,000." It was enough to cover the roof plus new siding, windows and air conditioning.

Hansen says he has done hundreds of lawns free of charge. In the colder months, he travels to Southern states to find properties in need. "I'm like a storm chaser, but I'm chasing tall grass," he says.

It's not always simple, however, to get a homeowner to agree to let Hansen mow. "In the beginning … a lot of people thought it was a scam," he says. "Nine times out of 10 you'd knock on the door and people would turn it down. Now it's about fifty-fifty, and more people say, 'Oh, I've seen that on social media.'"

Many of the creators know one another: Stockman and Bladez are frequent collaborators, and Hansen and Bosley sometimes work together on challenging properties. Hansen has mentored a number of creators in the niche, and the videos' impact resonates offscreen, too.

"I get so many emails that say, 'Sean, I saw this overgrown property. I went and cut it for free, it felt so good, it really helped this family,'" Stockman says. "With all the bad news in the world and the doomscrolling, you can kind of forget that when you go out and serve somebody else, it actually fills you with life and energy and happiness, and it can be contagious."

Hansen gets similar messages, too, from all around the world. "I started something in Tulsa, cutting lawns for free, and now on every livable continent in the world there's somebody doing it on social media," he says. "But for everybody that's doing it on social media, there's more that are getting inspired, and they're going out and helping people in their neighborhood, without a camera."

The most rewarding part of Stockman's work isn't the views, likes or subscriber count.

"The best thing is when somebody comes out and sees their property after I finish," he says. "People can feel real shame about an overgrown property. Everyone in their neighborhood sees it, and they feel so embarrassed. But the pride that gets restored is the best part. These are the spaces we live in. We want them to be comfortable and clean, and this is a small thing that really can make a big difference."

Far left, Stockman with Anita Waddell, who had reached out to him about cleaning up an abandoned property near her home. "This has all morphed from just cutting tall grass for the shock-and-awe video … into a reminder that people are good and they want to help each other," Stockman says. Left, Al-Naser at the Detroit home.

MARK LANE DESIGNS

Grow the garden of your dreams without spending a ton of green

BY JENNIFER BARGER

Filling your backyard or front-porch container garden with flowers, veggies and other growing things can feed your body and soul. But green-thumbing it will also cost you: The 2026 National Gardening Survey found that, on average, American gardeners spend $740 a person each year, a jump of more than 18 percent compared with 2025.

Mark Lane, a British gardening expert and BBC commentator, is passionate about making cultivation and landscaping more approachable and affordable. His new book, "The Thrifty Gardener," plots out ways to save money and resources in your yard or on your balcony. Consumers' Checkbook spoke with him by email to dig into his ideas. Here are edited excerpts from that conversation.

What does it mean to be a thrifty gardener?
People assume it means being cheap, but to me it is really about being selective. It's about understanding where spending money creates long-term value, and where spending money simply buys convenience or instant gratification. A thrifty garden isn't necessarily a low-cost garden. In fact, some of the most economical gardens over 20 years require significant investment at the start. I would suggest dividing things into three categories: things worth investing in, things worth saving on and things worth making yourself.

SARAH CUTTLE

Where would you spend on gardening?

- **Soil improvement:** If a garden has poor soil, compacted ground or lacks organic matter, spend money on compost, well-rotted manure, leaf mold, soil conditioners and mulches. Healthy soil affects everything that follows: plant health, drought tolerance, pest resistance and growth rates.
- **Trees:** Whether it's a crab apple, maple, birch or ornamental cherry, a tree provides structure, shade, wildlife habitat and seasonal interest for decades. The cost spread over 20 or 30 years becomes negligible.
- **Hard landscaping:** Paths, retaining walls, steps, drainage and foundations are expensive to alter later. If a patio settles badly after three winters, you'll wish you'd invested in proper construction from the start.
- **Quality tools:** A good spade, secateurs

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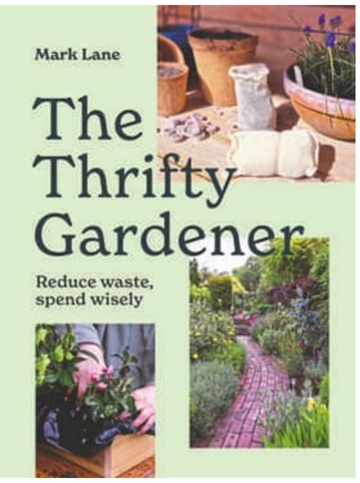

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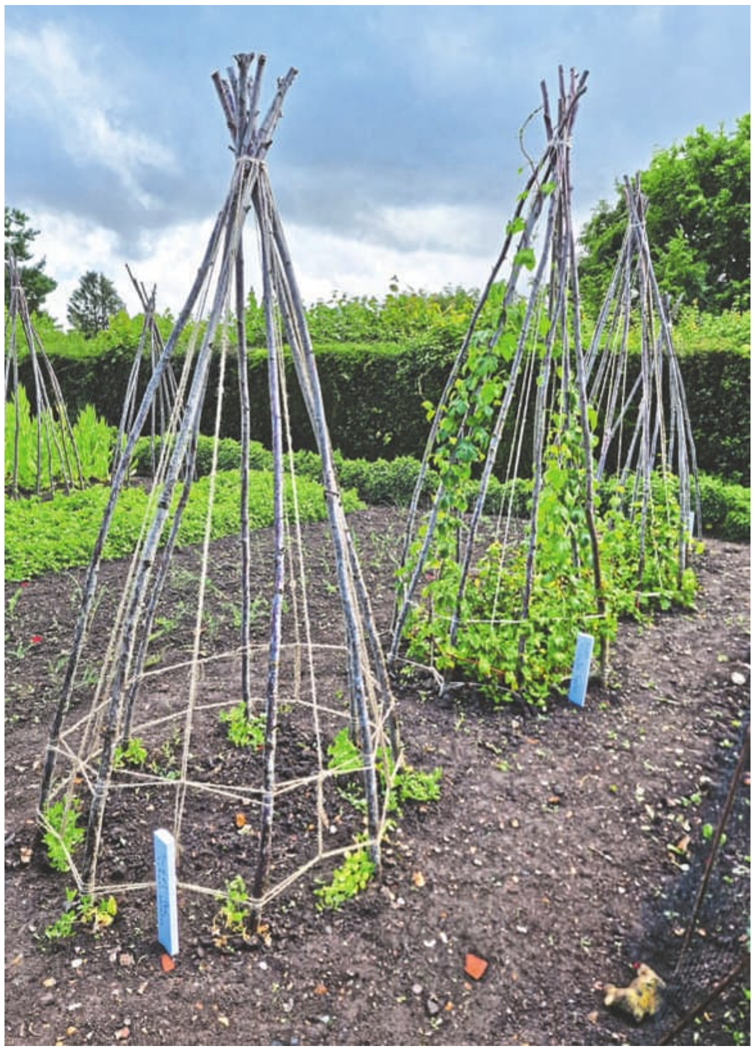
In his new book, horticultural expert Mark Lane, left, offers methods to save money as gardening becomes a more expensive hobby. At top, a garden plotted out by Lane.



PHOTOS BY MARK LANE DESIGNS

LEFT: Lane suggests using branches and other found materials to create trellises. RIGHT: A garden by Lane starring perennial flowers and grasses, which come back year after year, unlike annuals. "That distinction is a quiet fundamental that shapes the entire economics of a garden," Lane says. "… It changes how people buy, plant and even think about time in the garden."

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[pruning shears] and pruning saw can last many years. I've seen gardeners repeatedly buy inexpensive tools that break after a season or two.

- **Irrigation and water harvesting:** With increasingly unpredictable weather, investing in [rain barrels], storage tanks or efficient irrigation can save considerable money and effort over time.

Which areas of the garden can I save on?

You could save on annual bedding plants. Grow perennials, self-seeding annuals and flowering shrubs that return reliably instead. Also, pots can be astonishingly expensive. Some beautiful, glazed pots cost more than the plants they contain. I would happily use reclaimed containers, galvanized tubs, vintage finds or simple terra-cotta rather than chasing designer brands.

You're a big proponent of making things for your garden. What are some of your tricks?

This is where gardening becomes wonderfully thrifty! I make compost with kitchen peelings, lawn clippings, autumn leaves and prunings. It becomes a soil conditioner that would otherwise cost money to purchase.

I also propagate plants. Many perennials can be divided every few years. Softwood cuttings, hardwood cuttings and seed sowing can dramatically expand a planting scheme at minimal cost. A single clump of hardy geranium, for example, might be divided repeatedly throughout its life. You can also use pruned branches and coppiced material to make attractive supports for peas, sweet peas and herbaceous perennials.

I know starting plants from seeds saves money, but isn't it difficult?

Seed sowing has a reputation for being more complicated than it really is. A lot of that comes from the way it's often presented: rows of trays, heated propagators, misting systems, labels everywhere and a sense that if you miss a step, the whole thing collapses. In reality, it can be one of the most economical and flexible ways of gardening.

Feel daunted? Avoid thinking of seed sowing as a single grand project and break it into small, low-risk experiments. A very gentle starting point is direct sowing of reliable species straight into the ground. Hardy annuals like calendula, nigella, cornflower or eschscholzia [poppies] are almost designed for beginners. You prepare a small patch of soil, scatter seed, lightly cover it and let nature do most of the work. No indoor setup, no transplanting, minimal cost and usually quick results.

Another easy entry point is containers. A simple pot on a windowsill or patio can become a micro nursery. Herbs such as basil, parsley or coriander are ideal because they grow quickly, are regularly harvested and don't demand precise conditions. Even if a sowing fails, the financial loss is negligible, and the learning is immediate.

I think many baby gardeners don't understand the difference between perennial and annual plants. How does knowing that help save money?

That distinction is a quiet fundamental that shapes the entire economics of a garden. Once it's properly understood, it changes how people buy, plant and even think about time in the garden.

At its simplest, an annual completes its life cycle in a single growing season. You sow or plant it, it flowers, sets seed and then dies. A perennial, by contrast, returns year after year, often building in size and impact as it matures. That one difference has a surprisingly large effect on long-term spending.

Your book also talks about propagating plants from cuttings. I remember my grandma doing this. Why did it fall out of favor?

Propagation is one of those skills that quietly slipped out of everyday gardening culture. Garden centers have made it incredibly easy to buy ready-grown plants in almost every season. When a plant is $6 to $12 and instantly attractive, it feels simpler to replace than to multiply.

Plus, there's been a loss of intergenerational teaching. Earlier gardening knowledge was often passed through families or local communities — people simply showed each other how to take a cutting from a geranium or divide a clump of iris. As that informal sharing declined, so did confidence. And finally, there's a subtle commercial element. A gardener who propagates well is, frankly, a less frequent customer.

So how do I propagate new plants from old ones?

From a thrifty perspective, propagation is almost unbeatable. It turns one plant into many, reduces risk and allows you to adapt plants to your own conditions over time. It also creates resilience in a garden — if something thrives, you can expand it cheaply; if something struggles, you haven't lost much. It also changes your relationship with plants. Instead of being fixed purchases, they become living resources.

The easiest way to start is with softwood cuttings like pelargoniums (geraniums in everyday language), fuchsias, rosemary (with a bit more patience), lavender (slightly trickier but rewarding) or hydrangeas.

The simple method:

1. Take a nonflowering shoot about 8 to 10 centimeters long.
2. Cut just below a leaf node with clean scissors or secateurs.
3. Remove the lower leaves, leaving a small tuft at the top.
4. Insert into a pot of free-draining compost (multipurpose mixed with a little grit or perlite if available).
5. Water lightly and place somewhere bright but not in harsh sun.

Arguably even simpler than cuttings is division, especially for perennials. Plants like hostas, daylilies, astrantia and hardy geraniums. These can often be lifted and split with a spade or two forks. Each section becomes a new plant. The advantage here is immediacy: You're not waiting for rooting, you're simply redistributing established growth.

What's the biggest thing you hope people take away from the book?

The most economical thing in gardening is patience. Many gardening expenses arise because we want a finished garden immediately. We buy large plants instead of young ones. We replace plants before understanding why they failed. We redesign areas before they've had time to mature.

A thrifty gardener tends to think in years rather than weeks. If I had $1,300 to spend on a garden, I would probably allocate a large proportion to soil preparation, a few excellent structural plants, perhaps one or two trees and good infrastructure. Then I'd fill the gaps through propagation, division, seed sowing and time. That's where the real thrift lies: spending generously on the bones of the garden and economically on everything that can grow, multiply or improve naturally over time.

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Open storage is tricky. These 12 tips can help you pull it off.

BY JOLIE KERR

ANASTASIA ALKEMA

Reserve open shelving for items that are aesthetically pleasing, but don't go overboard.

ROBERT PETERSON/RUSTIC WHITE INTERIORS

"Open kitchen shelving only works if you're committed to it," says designer Micaela Quinton.

Open storage, whether in the kitchen, living room, closet or in such functional spaces as mudrooms, basements or garages, has plenty of benefits. Open shelving or racks provide easy access to your things and can make a room feel brighter and more open than spaces with hidden or closed storage like cabinets or drawers.

Open storage and shelving, however, "require much more intention than most people realize," says Micaela Quinton, director of design at Copper Sky Design + Remodel. "The best open-shelving designs look effortless, but in reality, achieving that look often takes years of collecting and thoughtful arranging. Without a thoughtful approach, open shelving tends to create visual clutter, rather than a sense of openness, making a space feel busier instead of calmer."

Visual clutter — too many objects competing for attention — can leave a room looking messy or disorganized, affecting both the aesthetic and functionality of the space. Getting open storage right can be tricky, but these expert tips can help you figure out how to make it work.

Use open storage to display your most beautiful things

Open storage can make a room feel light and airy, but it's not meant to store anything and everything, says Catherine Balding, co-owner of Balding Design Build. "The challenge is finding a balance between form and function. Everything we store is not always visually appealing, such as cleaning products or first-aid supplies."

Balding suggests reserving open shelving for items that are aesthetically pleasing, such as books, baskets and glassware. "We recommend thinking about overall cohesion in the room," she says. "For example, a set of matching teacups are typically going to play better than a mixture of your more sentimental mugs with unique and varied designs."

Think big

Displaying fewer, larger pieces instead of a lot of small items or mixing in artwork "breaks up the repetition," Quinton says. Using larger items and leaving space for them to breathe also helps prevent visual clutter. "Overfilling shelves adds to the clutter," says Steve Counihan, a general manager at California Closets.

Delineate between decorative storage and functional storage

"I think of open storage in two categories," Quinton says, "decorative storage and functional storage." First, designate basements, garages and secondary hallways as functional storage spaces for such items as jackets, umbrellas, bags, shoes and sports gear. "The goal is to keep the visual noise of everyday life out of your primary living spaces and your constant view," she says. Then, treat open storage in the kitchen or family room as a place to decorate. But remember, Quinton adds, that "empty space is just as important as what you're displaying. Editing down is critical, and when in doubt, remove something."

Prioritize containment

One key to making open storage work, without looking cluttered or messy, is using containers — especially ones that add visual interest or reflect your style. "Whether it's clear plastic bins, fabric or rattan baskets, or jars and large bowls, containers keep open storage tidy, organized and visually appealing," says Jennifer Pearson, a design lead at California Closets.

Use decorative items to create visual interest

Mixing in decorative items can break up rows of like items such as games, books or even small household goods. "Intentionally place a few picture frames, vases or candles on the bookshelf," Pearson says.

Set limits

Counihan recommends limiting what you display: "Don't completely fill up every shelf." Instead, group similar items to create visual cohesion and routinely tidy and edit to keep the space functional and orderly. "Open storage requires good habits to stay organized," he says, "especially if you have items that aren't just for display purposes."

Matching creates visual order

An easy way to keep things looking organized is to use matching and/or coordinating containers. "Mixing different bins, baskets or containers can cause visual and mental disorganization," Counihan says. Mismatched hangers, too, are an often overlooked source of visual clutter. "Something as simple as using matching hangers in an open hanging area can go a long way toward creating harmony," Pearson says.

Store like with like

Grouping such things as office supplies, decorations or books is an easy way to make open storage work efficiently. "Keep similar items batched together and create designated zones for each category," says Pearson, who recommends labeling opaque containers. "Using labels on storage bins or shelf edges ensures the family knows just where to place items to keep the clutter tidy."

Use spacers for stacked piles

Stacks of towels, sweaters and T-shirts are prone to toppling on shelves that are too wide. "Shelf spacing can be a challenge," Pearson says. To keep stacks from leaning or falling over, use shelf dividers to create structure.

Skip the wall hooks

Adding wall hooks to create more storage can backfire in open storage settings. "This immediately creates visual clutter," Quinton says. "Only utilize wall hooks in a hidden or out-of-sight location."

Don't forget about dust

"Remember that anything stored on a shelf or in an open manner will be subject to dust over time," Balding says. This is especially true in kitchens, where sticky residue from cooking oils builds up and traps dust. "A big mistake I see is an overuse of open shelving in the kitchen," Quinton says. "Open kitchen shelving only works if you're committed to it. Everything is on display, so your dishes and accessories need to look curated and cohesive, and you'll need to clean them regularly."

Also consider dust when selecting items to display in open storage, and consider changes to make the space more functional. "An alternative would be to add glass doors to minimize dust while keeping the open storage for display items," Counihan says.

Remove it

Finally, if the open storage in your home simply isn't working, "don't be afraid to remove it," Quinton says. Removing or even reducing the number of shelves creates space that can calm a room that has started to feel overcrowded. "A little open shelving can add warmth and character," she says. "Too much and I suggest getting a sledgehammer out."

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What decorating with dark, moody colors does to our brains

BY DINA CHENEY

Sex, religion, politics … dark colors in decorating? Yes, that, too, can be a sensitive subject — even polarizing.

“Everyone is afraid of the dark,” says Leon Berry of Leon Berry Interiors. Most of his clients, he adds, “have a negative, almost emotional reaction when I talk about dark colors.” So he has learned to approach the subject delicately.

If his clients say they dislike dark colors in decor, Berry might mention eyeliner and how it helps highlight facial features, just as dark accents sharpen spaces.

Occasionally, he will ask those homeowners to describe their go-to purses or shoes, which are often black. “It’s like when you get dressed and black shoes match your outfit,” he tells them. “Black goes with everything.”

Berry also shares photographs of interiors, asking for clients’ opinions. If they indicate approval, he’ll gently point out dark features, such as wrought iron banisters, as proof that darkness can whisper, not just scream.

Fear of the dark is written into our DNA. Since potential threats aren’t readily apparent in the dark, shadowy spaces can feel ominous. They can take us back to primeval times when saber-toothed tigers and other predators lurked in the night.

But predators aside, dark spaces can also provide a sense of safety. “When you’re in a dark space, you don’t see where it ends,” says Lori Weitzner, founder of Lori Weitzner Design and author of “Ode to Color.” “The possibilities feel endless. … You feel like you’re in a cocoon and under the radar.”

Anjan Chatterjee, a neurology professor at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the author of “The Aesthetic Brain: How We Evolved to Desire Beauty and Enjoy Art,” has identified “homeyness” as one of three dimensions affecting the subjective experience of environments (the others are complexity and coherence, or legibility). “I suspect homeyness could apply when you think about dark studies or bars, especially if they’re paired with warm light like a fireplace,” he says.

Illumination helps declaw the dark, striking a balance between the known and unknown or the safe and dangerous. Instead of a campfire, amber or warm lightbulbs (which have a Kelvin rating of 2,000 to 3,000) can do the trick, Weitzner says. Cool white or daylight bulbs, with a Kelvin rating of 4,000 or higher, can make dark spaces feel confining, she adds.

JACOB SNAVELY

Designer Leon Berry chose Farrow & Ball’s No. 31 Railings for this kitchen.

ANGEL TUCKER

Dark accents, like in this Lori Weitzner fabric, can highlight brighter features.

JACOB SNAVELY

Lighting is key to rooms painted a dark color. Avoid cool white or daylight bulbs, which can make dark spaces feel confining.

To avoid a dungeon-like effect, consider other dark hues. Interior designer Chloe Legras of Boxwood Avenue gravitates toward dark burgundy (Sherwin-Williams Sommelier), black-green (Sherwin-Williams Andiron) or deep blue (Portola Paints In the Navy). Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute and director of the Eiseman Center for Color Information and Training, suggests teal green or midnight sky.

Since ancient times, deep blue (as well as purple) has been associated with luxury, elegance and high status. Ultramarine pigment was rarefied and costly, as it was derived from lapis lazuli, a stone transported to Europe from mines in present-day Afghanistan beginning in the medieval period. The Old Testament describes the deep purple of sacred garments, made with pigment sourced from sea snail secretions.

Eiseman is an advocate of deep purple. She painted the entrance hallway in a former home plum violet and hung framed mirrors to make the space feel more open. Like a magic trick, the move instantly elevated her home. “When I’d walk down the hallway, I got the impression it was never-ending. … It was a nice dramatic effect,” she says.

Dark colors can also create compelling optical illusions. When walls are dark, they appear to recede, making spaces look larger, says Berry, who chose a color he described as “a mink dark brown, almost black” for his home office.

But wall color isn’t the only effective way to wield darks. Berry painted the wooden ceiling beams in his living room black, which helps them blend into the space. “You would normally think they would stand out more,” he says, “but they are just a little accent. … If they were white, they would have been these white hanging things in my beautiful tonal living room. It wouldn’t have made sense.”

To clients who wanted to de-emphasize the black window trim in their newly constructed building, Berry suggested black accents throughout their apartment.

In a lighter room, though, the opposite is true: Dark elements will pop. To bring attention to features you want to highlight, use dark accents, Eiseman says, such as painting window frames a deep, rich color so they function almost as art pieces.

An espresso-stained wood floor or a navy accent wall can balance and anchor light spaces. “If it’s all white all the time, you don’t appreciate the color, and it looks like a hospital,” says Berry, who suggests adding bronze hardware or a dark backsplash to a white kitchen.

For hesitant clients, he often suggests painting a small section of wall and seeing how they respond to the color. Usually they come around. Even Berry’s husband, Richard, who wasn’t so sure about a charcoal gray color for their bedroom ceiling, was soon convinced: “Now he loves the room.”

School backpack overload: Heavy bags can strain kids’ bodies

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Signs a backpack may be too heavy include a child leaning forward to support its weight or having difficulty walking.

Backpacks can be fashionable and functional, but they can also be too heavy — weighed down by digital devices, musical instruments, sports equipment, textbooks and more.

It’s good to be prepared, but kids who walk to school or participate in extracurricular activities may be lugging more than their bodies can handle. As kids head back to school, here’s how to know if your child’s backpack is too heavy, and how to lighten their load.

How heavy is too heavy?

The modern school backpack has evolved, but it hasn’t necessarily gotten lighter. Whether students have textbooks, digital devices or both, they often are accompanied by notebooks, water bottles, lunch containers, workout clothes and more. Individually, those items may not seem heavy, but together they can add unnecessary strain to children’s bodies.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, signs a backpack may be too heavy include a child leaning forward to support its weight or having difficulty walking. Straps should not dig into shoulders.

Don’t wait for a child to express discomfort or pain to lighten the load, experts say.

Sadika Kendi, a physician who chairs the academy’s injury-prevention efforts, says back injuries are uncommon but possible. “It’s worse if, for example, they trip and fall and they have a huge, heavy backpack on their back,” she said. “Then that’s just more weight that could increase the severity of an injury.”

Although 10 to 15 percent of a child’s body weight is often cited as a backpack guideline, there isn’t enough evidence to establish a one-size-fits-all approach, Kendi said. Because children vary in size, strength, physical development and daily routines, caregivers should consider their child’s individual needs and, in general, keep backpacks as light as possible.

Teachers say leave this stuff at home

After families receive back-to-school checklists for classroom materials, they should take an audit of what a child really must carry every day.

Samantha Ness, a history teacher in Phoenix, said parents should focus on making sure children have basic supplies rather than getting caught up in trendy, decorative or expensive items. Her students have access to classroom textbooks but are still expected to carry a laptop and charger each day. As technology becomes more central to schoolwork, some students have stopped bringing paper, she said. They rely instead on their devices, which can also become distractions.

“When considering the things going into their backpacks, how is it going to help them be successful in the classroom?” said Ness, who has been teaching for about 10 years.

In Fairfax County, the school district is bringing back math textbooks after a backlash against technology. That was a win for the group Fairfax County Parents for Intentional Technology, but it also means hard decisions about weight in backpacks.

Parents should think carefully about whether a child really needs to carry both books and a laptop every day, said mom Alix Fetch, a spokesperson for the parents group. Some elementary schools don’t require students to take computers home, while others allow parents to opt out, she said. Block scheduling can also mean older students don’t need every textbook every day.

Regularly cleaning out backpacks can help reduce unnecessary weight, while also helping keep track of notes and assignments.

Fetch said her 7-year-old typically carries lunch, a water bottle and occasionally a folder with homework or notes from the teacher. Even that can feel burdensome, she said, particularly when students move between classrooms for activities such as art or music. And the inside of the bag can still be messy.

“Kids are still kids. There’s food in their backpack and water, and they’re scrunching up papers,” Fetch said.

As students get older, Ness said, backpacks can become more personal storage than school storage, carrying items such as makeup, nail polish and hair dryers.

“They’re using their backpacks more as purses and like storage than they are actually using them for school,” she said.

How to carry the load safely

Experts recommend choosing a backpack that fits the child and has two broad, padded shoulder straps, a padded back, compartments to distribute weight and a waist or chest strap to redistribute the load. The American Academy of Pediatrics also recommends teaching children to pick up and carry backpacks safely, including bending at the knees rather than the waist when lifting heavier bags to avoid strain.

Backpacks with wheels can be helpful, especially for children with injuries, but experts say they may be problematic in schools with stairs or crowded walkways, where they can pose a tripping hazard.

Children should remove their backpacks before riding in a moving vehicle, Kendi said, because wearing one can interfere with how a seat belt works during a crash or sudden stop. Instead, place the backpack beside the child, even if leaving it on seems more convenient during drop-off.

Regularly cleaning out backpacks can also help reduce unnecessary weight and help you keep track of notes, permission slips and assignments. Some teachers recommend doing it weekly to catch missing work, spills from leaky water bottles and accumulating crumbs.

Home Sales

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

ANNAPOLIS AREA

Bay Ridge Ave., 1808, $510,000.
Channel Village Ct., 7028, No. 101, $660,000.
Gemini Dr., 1231, No. L, $267,500.
Madison St., 1042, $256,750.
President Point Dr., 6, No. A3, $575,000.
Silverwood Cir., 9, No. 6, $242,000.
Tyler Ave., 1022, $435,000.
Washington Dr., 1323, $719,000.

ANNAPOLIS-BROAD CREEK AREA

Carriage Hill Pkwy., 1075, $1.05 million.
Dorsey Ave., 21, $395,500.
Gov Thomas Bladen Way, 2015, No. 203, $315,000.
Market St., 143, $999,999.
Murray Ave., 46, $1.02 million.
Phillips Terr., 2000, No. 12, $360,000.
Riversedge Cir., 944, $415,000.
Winters Chase Way, 2932, $425,000.

ARNOLD AREA

Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., 1260, $636,000.
Canterwood Pl., 1121, $729,450.
Grandview Ct., 1490, $730,000.
Holly Lane, 759, $1.29 million.
Mariner Dr., 1405, $350,000.
Seminole Dr., 1202, $425,000.
Talon Ct., 628, $510,000.

BROOKLYN AREA

Cresswell Rd., 220, $330,000.
Matthews Ave., 705, $289,900.
Riverview Rd. W., 212, $135,000.
11th Ave. W., 308, $400,000.

CAPE ST. CLAIRE-SANDY POINT STATE PARK AREA

Foxwood Ct., 1410, $365,000.
Marine Dr., 956, $495,000.
Pine Tree Dr., 1157, $585,000.
Stonewood Ct., 1243, $409,900.

CHURCHTON AREA

Gwynne Ave., 1191, $525,000.

CROFTON AREA

Birchleaf Ct., 1219, $585,000.
Granite Ct., 1708, $380,000.
Log Mill Ct., 2532, $389,900.
Medford Ct., 2456, No. 17C, $325,000.
Revere Ct., 2478, No. 26A, $385,000.

CROWNSVILLE AREA

Hickory Trail, 356, $440,000.
Simms Landing Rd., 612, $475,000.

CURTIS BAY AREA

Arborwood Pl., 1038, $390,000.
Harbor Dr., 7816, $220,000.

DAVIDSONVILLE AREA

Avila Dr., 714, $1.03 million.
Patuxent Manor Rd., 3733, $460,000.

EDGEWATER AREA

Colliers Dr., 3754, $1.15 million.
Londontown Rd., 620, $338,000.
Tacoma Rd., 1705, $400,000.

GAMBRILLS AREA

Annapolis Rd., 932, $530,000.
Fall Ridge Way, 955, $530,000.
Heatherbloom Trail, 209, $875,000.
Puddingtons Patent Way, 2109, $1.35 million.

GLEN BURNIE AREA

Alexis Dr., 321, $415,000.
Branch Lane, 1216, $430,000.
Fortune Ct., 615, $334,100.
Houghton Rd., 1402, $365,000.
Nolberry Dr., 592, $425,000.
Old Stage Rd., 7505, $260,000.
Wellham Ave. NW, 206, $361,000.

GLEN BURNIE-MARLEY CREEK AREA

Bluffton Dr., 507, $490,000.
Croggan Cres., 814, $340,000.
Fox River Hills Way, 588, $490,000.
Lansing Rd., 1717, $327,400.
Mockingbird Cir., 7223, $450,000.
Quartzite Lane, 7656, $555,000.
Shoreland Dr., 1029, $364,900.
Thomas Rd., 12, $125,000.

HANOVER AREA

Bocastle Lane, 7228, $526,000.
Kawshek Path, 7812, $600,000.
Ohio Ave., 7162, $480,000.
Torpoint Ct., 7201, $535,000.

LAUREL AREA

Baseflow Lane, 118, $583,530.
Crested Wood Dr., 1104, $713,860.
Sudlersville S., 3312, $464,000.

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS AREA

Kingwood Rd., 438, $420,000.

LOTHIAN AREA

Bayard Rd., 665, $925,000.

MILLERSVILLE AREA

Ashburton Ct., 1304, $552,000.
Dogwood Rd., 368, $420,000.
Kippis Rd., 8340, $564,990.
Rebecca Ann Ct., 248, $260,000.

ODENTON AREA

Artillery Lane, 1904, $629,235.
Brigade Way, 1903, $630,000.
Chanery Ct., 1427, $485,400.
Deerberry Ct., 931, $439,900.
Rita Dr., 510, $365,000.
Summershade Dr., 8506, $860,000.
Vireo Ct., 2567, $515,000.

PASADENA-ROCK CREEK AREA

Annie Kess Dr., 3965, No. Q, $369,710.
Arundel Rd., 1901, $710,000.
Belle Of Georgia Ave., 3909, $425,000.
Edgewood Ave., 7701, $240,000.
Harbor Rd., 7811, $635,000.
Kingsley Ct., 3503, No. B, $230,000.
Luke Dr., 10, $460,000.
Milburn Cir., 86, $650,000.
Red Lion Way, 7852, $395,000.
Willowby Run, 754, $325,000.

RIVA AREA

Dogwood Rd., 8, $320,000.
Tulip Rd., 501, $395,000.

SEVERN AREA

Beech Tree Rd., 909, $485,900.
Dove Ct., 1851, $299,900.
Jennie Dr., 784, $505,000.
Pine Springs Dr., 8506, $635,000.
Virginia Ave. W., 126, $480,000.

SEVERNA PARK AREA

Braewood Way, 449, $1.38 million.
Cypress Rd., 611, $1.11 million.
Hidden Pond Lane, 604, $870,000.
North Dr., 333, $750,000.
Pasadena Ave., 808, $550,000.
Whitney Rd., 597, $424,900.

SHADY SIDE AREA

Cedarhurst Rd., 1508, $305,000.
Maple Ave., 1179, $321,000.
Steamboat Rd., 1216, $520,000.

HOWARD COUNTY

CENTENNIAL-BENSON AREA

Chatham Rd. N., 3522, $620,000.
Frost Way, 10120, $900,000.
Manner House Way, 5000, $1.46 million.
Old Annapolis Rd., 9794, $635,000.
Rose Trail, 9935, $780,000.
Vardon Lane, 2622, $982,000.

CLARKSVILLE AREA

Brookshire Lane, 7103, $1 million.
Great Star Dr., 5910, No. 204, $495,000.
Running Fence Lane, 12248, $400,000.

COLUMBIA (EAST) AREA

Bellfall Ct., 9222, $360,000.
Hayshed Lane, 8841, No. 8-3, $370,000.
Lightning View Rd., 5338, $615,000.
Netherstone Ct., 5033, $631,000.
Tamar Dr., 5907, No. 7R7, $179,000.
Wetbanks Ct., 9001, $652,000.

COLUMBIA (WEST) AREA

Audubon Dr., 6264, $775,000.
Columbia Rd., 4946, No. 425, $325,000.
Garden Walk, 7071, $1.03 million.
Jeremiah Lane, 8232, $535,000.
Tarkington Pl., 5333, $584,500.
Trotting Ridge Way, 10970, No. 10, $385,000.
Wind Way E., 10523, $450,000.

DAYTON AREA

Green Bridge Rd., 5005, $2.05 million.

ELKRIDGE AREA

Abel St., 6421, $575,000.
Marioak Dr., 7837, $405,000.
Penny Lane, 7111, $422,500.
Toomey Lane, 6028, $815,000.

ELLICOTT CITY AREA

Avoca Ave., 5113, $465,000.
College Ave., 4556, $1.19 million.
Haven Dr. S., 4814, $550,000.
Live Oak Ct., 4646, $775,000.
Montgomery Run Rd., 8384, No. B, $295,000.
Richards Valley Rd., 5769, $935,000.
Vineyard Springs Way, 2514, $1.23 million.

FULTON AREA

Eugene Ave., 11134, $1.45 million.

GLENELG AREA

Michele Dr., 14875, $1.14 million.

HANOVER AREA

Charles Henry Pl., 6015, $789,999.
Summer Haven Lane, 6239, $756,000.

JESSUP AREA

Aspenwood Way, 8102, $425,000.
Sheffield Ct., 8161, $325,000.

KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE AREA

Calm Sunset, 7280, $500,000.
Maple Ave., 10026, $700,000.

MARRIOTTSVILLE AREA

Sophia Chase Dr., 2579, $920,500.

SCAGGSVILLE-LAUREL AREA

Bolton Farm Lane, 9505, $999,990.
Chaucers Ridge Ct., 11221, $875,000.
Isabella Rd., 7330, $705,000.
Rowan Lane, 10058, $1.02 million.

WEST FRIENDSHIP AREA

Woodridge Ct., 2725, $1.05 million.

WOODBINE AREA

Hayloft Ct., 3226, $775,000.
Union Chapel Rd., 15861, $759,000.

WOODSTOCK AREA

Hillingdon Rd., 10677, $635,000.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ASPEN HILL AREA

Brad Ct., 4608, $580,000.
Faroe Pl., 4403, $506,000.
Veirs Mill Rd., 12710, No. 108302, $275,000.

BETHESDA AREA

Bradley Blvd., 8430, $1.97 million.
Charleston Dr., 7600, $1.3 million.
Fairmont Ave., 4801, No. 907, $340,000.
Greentree Rd., 6109, $1.76 million.
Johnson Ave., 6010, $950,000.
Lambeth Rd., 5625, $1.95 million.
Massachusetts Ave., 6212, $1.45 million.
Newbold Dr., 6745, $1.35 million.
Radnor Rd., 7205, $1.4 million.
Ridge Rd., 8707, $1.29 million.
Sentinel Dr., 4990, No. 16-303, $1.12 million.
Traymore St., 4513, $1 million.
Wilson Lane, 6914, $1.2 million.

BOYDS AREA

Whites Store Rd., 16746, $925,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA

Airdire Ct., 3743, No. 6-62, $375,000.
Greencastle Rd., 3933, No. 21, $215,000.

CALVERTON-COLESVILLE AREA

Castleleigh Pl., 12516, $625,000.
Hawkesbury Lane, 715, $865,000.
Musicmaster Dr., 13248, No. 179, $360,000.
Sarah Dr., 1316, $630,000.

CHEVY CHASE AREA

Connecticut Ave., 8101, No. N708, $858,000.
Friendship Blvd., 5500, No. 1525N, $185,000.
Greystone St., 5510, $1.75 million.
Shirley Lane, 3305, $1.31 million.
Wisconsin Ave., 5600, No. 1302, $1.3 million.

CLOVERLY-EDNOR AREA

Briggs Chaney Rd., 801, $508,500.
Holly Spring Dr., 2308, $799,900.
Orangewood St., 14616, $675,000.
Silverstone Ct., 616, $870,000.

DAMASCUS AREA

Bethesda Church Rd., 10537, $585,000.
Johns Dr., 10113, $595,000.
Ridge Rd., 24611, $626,552.

DERWOOD AREA

Columbus Ave., 16367, $575,000.
Larosa Dr., 17220, $795,000.

FOUR CORNERS-BURNT MILLS AREA

Arliss St., 8801, $250,000.
Hamilton Ave., 305, $700,000.
University Blvd. W., 205, $600,000.

GAITHERSBURG AREA

Capella Lane, 18725, $660,000.
Emory Grove Rd., 9447, $875,000.
Green Run Way, 9029, $592,000.
Lions Crest Way, 8011, $850,000.
Rolling Knoll Ct., 5, $736,000.
Watershed Ct., 8616, $402,000.

GAITHERSBURG-NORTH POTOMAC AREA

Amberfield Lane, 311, $555,000.
Decoverly Dr., 210, No. 305, $685,000.
Fleece Flower Dr., 115, $560,500.
Hillside Lake Terr., 919, No. 310, $300,000.
Linslade St., 702, $1.31 million.
Mustang Hill Lane, 13841, $765,000.
Quince Orchard Blvd., 714, No. P1, $180,000.
Ridgepoint Pl., 404, No. 12, $365,000.
Woody Lane, 12318, $2.2 million.

SEE **HOMES** ON **14**

YOU COULD POSSIBLY HAVE UNCLAIMED MONEY.

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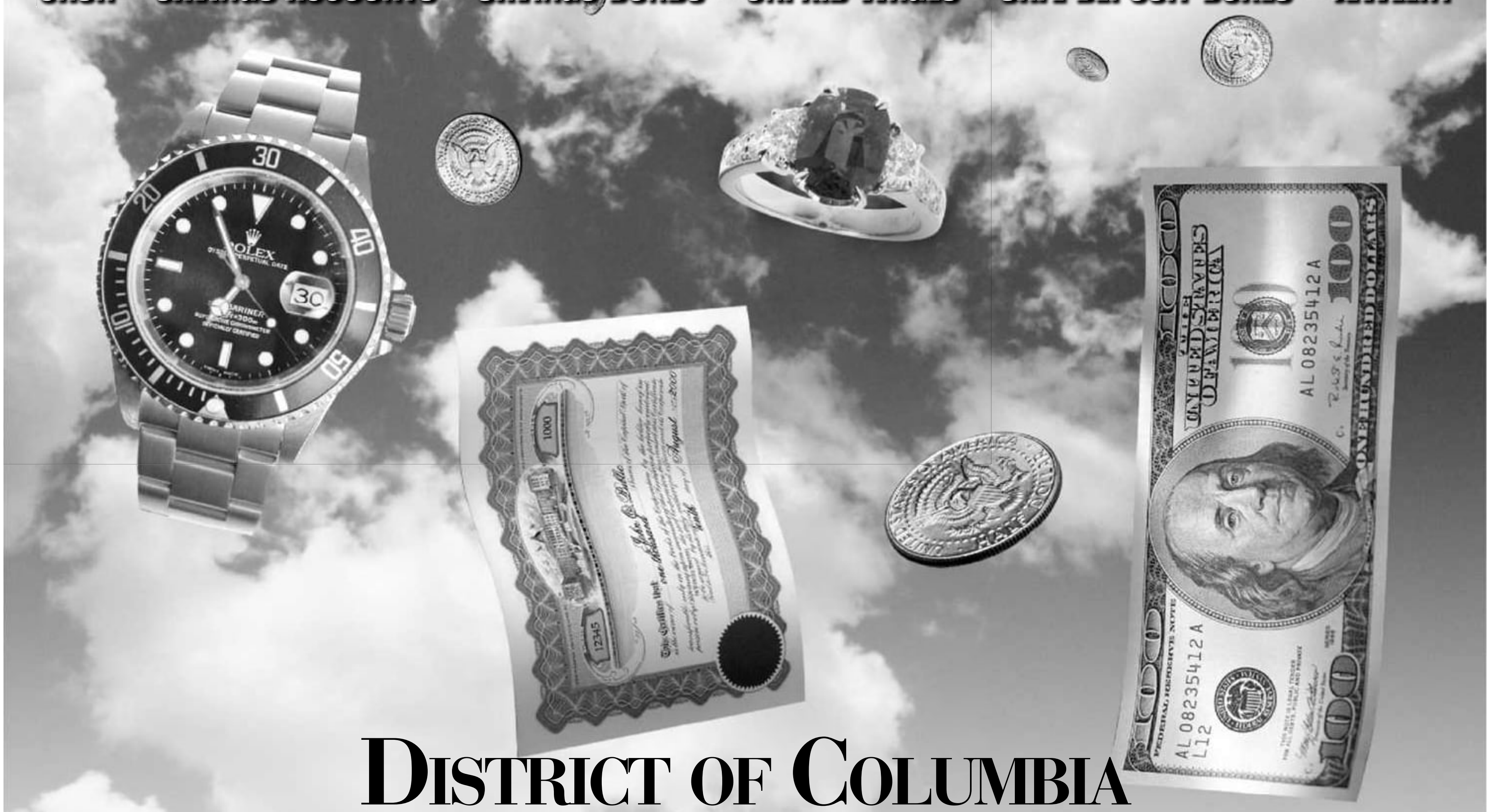

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LIST

The District government has millions to return — and it's time to stake your claim.

The District of Columbia Office of Finance and Treasury is trying to locate current and former District residents to help them claim money and other assets held in custody for them by the District. Assets are collected under the Unclaimed Property Act only after the holders have first attempted to locate owners.

Check the website below to search our complete database on your phone or tablet.

If your name appears on our website, you could have money waiting for you.

What is unclaimed property?

Unclaimed Property is defined as all personal property that has remained unclaimed by the owner for approximately three years. Unclaimed Property may include:

- Unclaimed wages
- Savings and checking accounts
- Money orders and travelers checks
- Certificates of deposit
- Customer deposits or overpayments
- Paid life insurance policies
- Gift certificates and Christmas club accounts
- Stocks and dividends
- Utility deposits
- Jewelry

Does unclaimed property include real estate, boats or cars?

No. Unclaimed property does not include real estate, boats, cars or bicycles.

How can I prevent my property from becoming unclaimed?

Keep accounts active. Make sure you make a deposit, withdrawal or call the institution (and tell them to make a record of your call). Any of these steps is considered owner activity and will prevent your assets from becoming unclaimed.

When is property considered unclaimed?

If an account at a financial institution or business has no activity or if a check is unclaimed for three years, the property in that account is considered unclaimed and must be reported to the District of Columbia. *For specific dormancy periods, please refer to the checklist available on the Internet at www.cfo.dc.gov.*

What do I do If my name Is on your website?

You can file a claim online at our website at www.cfo.dc.gov or unclaimedproperty.dc.gov, by mail, or email at dcunclaimed.property@dc.gov.
Use the form on the back page of this ad and we'll mail or email you a claim form. If you do not have access to the Internet a computer maybe available as a service to the public at your local public library.

Is there a deadline on making a claim?

No. You can make a claim at any time since unclaimed property is kept in custodial capacity until the rightful owner or heir can be found.

SCAN ME

Visit us at **unclaimedproperty.dc.gov** for an online search of our complete database.

Sponsored by the Government of the District of Columbia Muriel Bowser, Mayor - Glen Lee, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance and Treasury, Unclaimed Property Division
Contact us at unclaimedproperty.dc.gov, call (202) 442-8181, or email dcunclaimed.property@dc.gov

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT

Do You OPERATE A Business? IF so, READ on…

The District of Columbia Office of Finance and Treasury is able to return unclaimed property to its rightful owners, thanks to the cooperation of people like you. When you comply with the requirements of the Unclaimed Property Act, you are doing your part to see that this property ends up where it belongs. All companies except insurance companies are required to report unclaimed funds no later than November 1 for the year ending the preceding June 30. Insurance companies report on May 1 for the year ending the preceding December 30.

For more information, contact:
D.C. OFFICE OF FINANCE & TREASURY
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY UNIT
1101 4th Street, SW,
Ste. 800W
Washington, DC 20024
202-442-8181

NOTE: Walk-in claimants are not allowed. Please call 202-442-8181 if you feel you need assistance or need to make an appointment to meet with a claims specialist.

Do other states have unclaimed property records that I can check for unclaimed funds?

Yes. There is an unclaimed property office in each state that you may contact to find out if there are funds in your name. This may be especially important if you live or work in another state. The District of Columbia Unclaimed Property Unit will be happy to provide you with the names and addresses of unclaimed property offices in other states.

What should I do if someone offers to help me locate unclaimed money for a fee?

Call our office first. Signing an agreement to have someone assist you in recovering unclaimed property may entail the payment of substantial fees. Such an agreement is unenforceable in the District of Columbia, if it covers property which has not been in the state's custody at least twenty- four (24) months (D.C. Code 41.163.03).

Does the unclaimed property division have records of unclaimed property belonging to businesses as well as individuals?

Yes. A substantial proportion of the unclaimed funds belong to businesses. Businesses file claim similar to individuals; however, the individual requesting the fund must be substantiated as being able to collect funds on behalf of the business. Additionally, businesses must be able to verify their corporate federal identification number (FEIN).

Search your name on our website or cut out and complete the following inquiry form.

"There is no deadline for you to claim your money."

Search your name at
unclaimedproperty.dc.gov

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Unclaimed Property Inquiry

Office of Finance and Treasury
Unclaimed Property Unit

STOP! Please read the instructions before completing this form.
(Not completing the required fields in this form in its entirety will delay processing)

FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Part 1: All information relevant to the property owner(s) and claimant(s).
Including, middle name/initials, Jr., Sr., II, III, MD, PhD…etc)
Part 2: List all former District of Columbia addresses used by the property owner, including P.O. Boxes. A Claim form will be mailed to the current address in this form ONLY if claimant (s) is/are legally entitled to the property.
Part 3: Any additional information that you may find relevant to our research.

PART 1: CLAIMANT/PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION					
Property Owner's Name as it Appears on Unclaimed Property Search			Property Owner's Social Security or Federal Employer Identification Number		
Is this person deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐	If so, Date of Death	Is this an open Probate? Yes ☐ No ☐	If so, What State	Is the property owner a minor child? Yes ☐ No ☐	Is the property owner a business? Yes ☐ No ☐
Claimant's Name	Relationship to Property Owner		Claimant's Social Security or Federal Employer Identification Number (if different)		
Current Address (Number and Street or RR#)			Property Number		
City, State, ZIP code	E-mail address		Daytime Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number	

PART 2: FORMER ADDRESSES (List all current/former District of Columbia addresses used by the property owner. (be sure to include all addresses only in Washington DC)	
Street Address	City, State, ZIP Code

PART 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please allow 30 days processing time from the date the form is mailed.

Return completed form to:
DC Government
Office of Finance and Treasury Unclaimed Property Unit
1101 4th Street, SW, Suite 800W, Washington, DC 20024

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In the past six months we have received a total of $32,047,917.70 in property value and have returned a total of $17,114,965.69 back to claimants. Visit our website to see if you could possibly have money to claim!

Home Sales

HOMES FROM 11

GERMANTOWN AREA

Astoria Hill Ct., 13201, $280,000.
Chalet Dr., 18010, No. 18-104, $286,000.
Coral Grove Terr., 18911, $382,000.
Demetrias Way, 13533, $345,000.
Harvest Glen Way, 13669, $550,000.
Lake Park Ct., 39, No. 962, $500,000.
Peach Crest Dr., 12205, No. 902H, $270,000.
Ranworth Dr., 19330, $850,000.
Sparkling Water Dr., 18805, $327,000.
Tivoli Fountain Ct., 13304, $547,500.

KENSINGTON AREA

Edgewood Rd., 3315, $1.06 million.
McCain Ct., 4200, $605,000.
Upton Dr., 11209, $685,000.

LANGLEY PARK AREA

Overlook Dr., 1506, $540,600.

LAYTONSVILLE AREA

Augusta Farm Lane, 8613, $1.39 million.
English Meadow Way, 9238, $900,000.
Log House Rd., 24321, $475,000.
Warfield Rd., 8601, $655,000.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AREA

Brassie Way, 9781, $309,900.
Dockside Terr., 9873, $390,000.
Ridgeline Dr., 10109, $335,000.
Stedwick Dr., 19100, $474,999.
Village Walk Dr., 19632, $220,924.

NORBECK-LAYHILL AREA

Banquo Terr., 14530, No. 72, $435,000.
Clearfield Rd., 4404, $330,000.
Deerhurst Terr., 14625, No. 214B, $465,000.
Doc Berlin Dr., 3835, No. 44, $359,900.
Elkridge Way, 15201, No. 93-3J, $220,000.
Fiske Terr., 3555, No. 139B, $307,000.
Highview Dr., 4007, $490,000.
Leisure World Blvd. N., 3100, No. 705, $456,000.
Leisure World Blvd. N., 3210, No. 1017, $400,757.
Leisure World Blvd. S., 3005, No. 226, $299,000.
Moonlight Trail Dr., 13319, $1.05 million.
Pine Orchard Dr., 15316, No. 82-1H, $200,000.
Snowbird Terr., 2715, No. 4-28, $238,500.

OLNEY AREA

Bishops Castle Ct., 17704, $835,000.
Gainford Ct., 4, $787,000.
Monitor Ct., 5, $730,000.
Rolling Meadow Way, 18110, No. 199, $320,000.

POOLESVILLE AREA

Conlon Ct., 19504, $612,000.
Selby Ave., 19712, $955,000.

POTOMAC AREA

Bells Ridge Dr., 10900, $1.65 million.
Brushwood Terr., 12801, $1.25 million.
Drews Lane, 13312, $2.3 million.
Grey Fox Rd., 10423, $1.88 million.
Kentsdale Dr., 9904, $1.65 million.
Martingale Ct., 10948, $1.93 million.
Overgate Pl., 10406, $916,135.
Prestwick Rd., 11816, $900,000.
Trailridge Terr., 9608, $906,000.

ROCKVILLE AREA

Balsam Grove Ct., 5706, No. 80, $585,000.
Braxfield Ct., 12401, No. 480, $300,000.
Chantilly Ct., 13, $570,000.
Courthouse Sq., 24, No. 608, $267,000.
Deep Trail Lane, 102, $1.32 million.
Frederick Rd., 16170, No. 10, $699,999.
Inman Park Cir., 5812, No. 809, $482,500.
Loganwood Dr., 6043, $865,000.
Monroe St., 118, No. 304, $149,900.
Montrose Rd., 6028, No. 89, $231,491.
Nina Clarke Dr., 3166, $298,500.
Old Georgetown Rd., 11710, No. 116, $435,000.
Old Georgetown Rd., 11800, No. 1332, $335,000.
Princeton Pl., 760, No. 1, $460,000.
Talbott St., 160, No. T5, $200,000.
Vanderbilt Cir., 10007, No. 11-6, $412,500.
Winding Rose Dr., 102, $852,500.

ROLLING GREEN AREA

Fair Garden Lane, 22147, $650,000.
Shawnee Lane, 13213, $570,000.
Winding Woods Way, 22351, $965,000.

SENECA PARK-CEDAR GROVE AREA

Drumcastle Ct., 14, $457,500.
Virginia Pine Terr., 21110, $800,000.

SILVER SPRING AREA

Colston Dr., 2202, No. C-202, $219,000.
Grubb Rd., 8203, No. G-201, $310,000.
Newell St., 8045, No. 516, $340,000.
Sunnyside Rd., 100, $910,000.

TAKOMA PARK AREA

Garland Ave., 7811, $1.23 million.
Poplar Ave., 6608, $1.29 million.
Woodland Ave., 7017, $1.03 million.

TWINBROOK AREA

Gladstone Dr., 1205, $635,000.

WHEATON AREA

Adams Dr., 4000, $390,000.
Dayton St., 2013, $620,000.
Georgia Ave., 11801, $680,000.
Heurich Rd., 12523, $820,000.
Leslie St., 10307, $679,000.
Tilton Dr., 1825, $575,000.

FREDERICK COUNTY

BRUNSWICK AREA

Brunswick St., 526, $330,000.
Clarendon Farm Lane, 912, $623,280.
Second Ave., 1116, $325,000.

EMMITSBURG AREA

Keysville Rd., 10905, $450,000.

FREDERICK CITY-ADAMSTOWN VILLAGE AREA

Alan Linton Blvd. E., 6433, $415,000.
Basswood Rd., 7026, $175,000.
Cap Stine Rd., 4843, $495,000.
Devonshire Lane, 6402, $462,500.
Forum Sq., 5982, $420,000.
Hollyberry Way, 558, $350,000.
Macon St., 7101, $400,000.
Mountain Maple Way, 5353, $525,000.
Sunset View Lane, 5778, $332,500.
Wesley Sq., 5027, $545,000.

FREDERICK CITY-LIBERTYTOWN AREA

Bear Den Rd., 2250, No. 308, $351,000.
Briar Ct., 841, $435,000.
Derrs Sq. E., 1705, $424,000.
Faversham Pl., 312, $599,000.
Market St. S., 329, $525,000.
Mercer Pl., 902, $625,000.
Newport Terr., 6133, $430,000.
South St. E., 50, $455,000.
Water St., 127, $400,000.
Third St. E., 12, $745,000.

FREDERICK CITY-MOUNTAINDALE AREA

Artillery Rd., 2106, $590,000.
Baughmans Lane, 302, No. 302E, $250,000.
Buell Dr., 2003, $420,000.
Dulaney Ct., 1851, $360,000.
Free Terr., 1833, $395,000.
Noblewood Ct., 1801, $425,000.
Sawmill Ct., 1911, $635,000.
Valleyside Dr., 1784, $435,000.
Seventh St. W., 1308, $399,000.

IJAMSVILLE AREA

Fire Tower Lane, 2045, $552,500.

KNOXVILLE AREA

Galyn Dr., 109, $630,000.

MIDDLETOWN AREA

Dogwood Lane, 7217, $675,000.
Linden Blvd., 110, $486,000.
Tulip Tree Lane, 4487, $650,000.

MONROVIA AREA

Timber Run Ct., 12210, $725,000.

MOUNT AIRY AREA

Marianne Dr., 4769, $850,000.

MYERSVILLE AREA

Hayes Rd., 12719, $300,000.

NEW MARKET-LAKE LINGANORE AREA

Beach Dr. E., 6617, $320,000.
Hollys Way, 5808, No. 71, $580,000.
Kokanee Way, 7097, $499,999.

POINT OF ROCKS AREA

Canal Run Dr., 1755, $525,000.

THURMONT AREA

Easy St., 117, No. 31, $279,000.
Moser Rd. E., 35, $377,500.
Stull Ct., 102, $307,000.

URBANA AREA

Golden Eagle Rd., 5519, $920,000.
Randell Ridge Rd., 8473, $520,000.
Shafers Mill Dr., 9211, $995,000.

WALKERSVILLE AREA

Adams Way, 100, $370,000.
Dublin Rd., 10104, $2.77 million.
Treasure Ave., 8726, $230,000.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

ACCOKEEK AREA

Derbyshire Way, 15227, $645,000.
Saint Matthew Way, 14800, $1.05 million.

ADELPHI AREA

Metzerott Rd., 1836, No. 1414, $112,000.
Osage Terr., 8311, $670,000.
Rolander St., 2110, $270,000.

BOWIE AREA

Beechfern Lane, 12617, $435,000.
Fair Lane, 2608, $150,000.
Kennison Lane, 2627, $525,000.
Lakevale Terr., 5300, $670,000.
Mayflower Pl., 12910, $619,000.
Raging Brook Dr., 11254, No. 210, $327,000.
Spark Lane, 3011, $500,000.
Twin Cedar Lane, 12011, $484,000.
Winchester Lane, 3907, $525,000.

BOWIE-MITCHELLVILLE AREA

Everette Dr., 3410, $475,000.
Neman Ct., 2727, $397,713.
Pennant Lane, 16003, $500,000.

BRANDYWINE AREA

Fern Gully Way, 7415, $459,000.
Grace Kellen Ave., 14540, $529,900.

BRENTWOOD AREA

Taylor St., 3501, $400,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA

Autumn End Terr., 13605, $680,000.
Dorset Rd., 15716, No. 231, $205,000.
Lexington Ave., 7607, $543,000.
Rosemore Lane, 14314, $700,000.
Walker Branch Dr., 6503, $540,000.

CALVERTON AREA

Chilcoate Lane, 11709, $425,000.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS AREA

Blue Star Ct., 1107, $534,990.
Carrington Ave., 1106, $354,900.
Fawncrest Dr., 6901, $390,000.
Wilberforce Ct., 1109, $400,000.

CHEVERLY-LANDOVER AREA

Dewey St., 5835, $550,000.
Lake Ave., 3106, $485,000.
Pacer Ct., 7805, $160,000.
Wayne Pl., 2511, $445,000.

CLINTON AREA

Castle Rock Dr., 7708, $510,000.
King Gallahan Ct., 11202, $750,000.
Spring Acres Rd., 9011, $404,000.

COLLEGE PARK AREA

Bowdoin Ave., 7206, $1.03 million.
Niagara Pl., 5122, $465,000.
48th Pl., 9718, $540,000.

DISTRICT HEIGHTS AREA

Apothecary St., 3721, $345,000.
Insey St., 6612, $285,000.
Rock Quarry Terr., 5666, $355,000.
Weber Dr., 2124, $437,000.

FORT WASHINGTON AREA

Founders Woods Way, 8330, No. 105-2, $354,900.
Haverhill St., 7010, $499,000.
Kildore Way, 9909, $899,000.
Middlefield Rd., 6704, $430,000.
Rosalie Dr., 11315, $490,000.
Tantallon Dr. E., 900, $473,000.

GLENN DALE AREA

Franklin Ave. E., 10108, $454,900.

GREENBELT AREA

Hanover Pkwy., 6916, No. 300, $235,000.
Miner St., 8309, $714,000.

HYATTSVILLE AREA

Newport Rd., 6717, $415,000.

LANGLEY PARK AREA

New Hampshire Ave., 9201, No. 302, $165,000.

LANHAM-GLENARDEN AREA

Forbes Blvd., 7102, $440,000.
Kepner Ct., 7001, $455,000.
Nashville Ct., 7012, $495,000.
Wilhelm Dr., 7404, $480,000.

LARGO-CLAGGETT LANDING AREA

Baden Ct., 304, $840,000.
Crusher Ct., 516, $435,000.
Narrowleaf Dr., 800, $427,000.
Prince Pl., 10137, No. 203-6B, $185,000.
Red Jade Ct., 11407, No. 1-5, $304,500.
Town Farm Rd., 14101, $318,229.

MONTPELIER AREA

Kiama Ct., 13407, $535,000.
Twin Hill Lane, 9208, $485,000.

OXON HILL AREA

Ben Dr., 7406, $625,000.
Ottawa St., 5917, $284,000.
Riversail Lane, 515, No. 430, $985,000.
Triggerfish Dr., 523, No. 473, $930,000.

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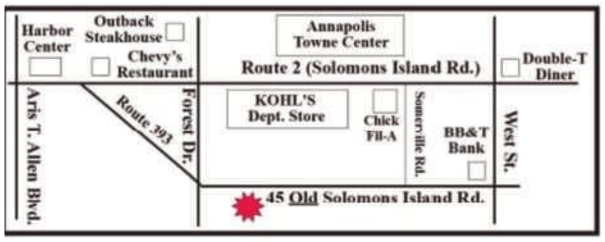
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Huntley Square Dr., 3330, No. A1, $185,000.
Lakeview Dr., 4419, $406,000.

UNIVERSITY PARK-WEST HYATTSVILLE AREA

Baltimore Ave., 6716, $705,000.
Eastern Ave., 5151, $380,000.
Pineway, 6816, $970,000.
Wells Pkwy., 4438, $550,000.
37th Ave., 5011, $420,000.

Extended Public Comment Period and Online Public Meeting

Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 2 Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

The Department of the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) **are extending the public comment period** on the proposed remedial action plan for Operable Unit 2 (OU2) at the Washington Navy Yard (WNY). Proposed Plans are issued as part of the Navy's Environmental Restoration (ER) Program to describe the background and rationale for proposed remedial action.

Online Public Meeting: An in-person public meeting was held on July 23, 2026 to provide an overview of OU2, investigation findings, remedial alternatives evaluated, and preferred alternative; answer questions; and accept public comments. **An additional online public meeting will be held during the extended public comment period.** The online public meeting will include the same presentation provided at the first meeting, followed by an opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

WHEN: **Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

LINK: The online meeting will be held using MS Teams. A link to the meeting can be found on the Community Outreach tab of the Navy's environmental restoration program website for the Washington Navy Yard at: **https://www.navfac.navy.mil/Divisions/Environmental/Products-and-Services/Environmental-Restoration/WASHINGTON/Washington-Navy-Yard/** or by using the QR code below.

Proposed Action for OU2: OU2 consists of approximately 15.6 acres of sediment in the Anacostia River adjacent to, and extending several hundred yards downstream of, the WNY. The sediments are impacted by contaminants (polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and lead) from multiple Navy sources associated with historical industrial activities, as well as from non-Navy sources located throughout the river's watershed. The PCBs in the sediment pose potential unacceptable health risks to people who eat fish caught in the river. PAHs and lead pose potential risks to organisms that reside in and near the sediment. To address these risks, the Navy proposes to implement an enhanced natural recovery remedial action that consists of placing a thin-layer sand cap amended with activated carbon on the OU2 sediment with the highest contaminant concentrations and then conduct long-term performance monitoring within an adaptive management decision framework to determine if further action within OU2 is necessary. This action is to be implemented under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Public Comments: The public is encouraged to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for OU2. The public comment period began July 13, 2026, and **has been extended to September 14, 2026**. The final decision for OU2 will be made only after the public comment period has ended. The Proposed Plan and related environmental documents are available for public review at:

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These documents are also available online at: **https://www.navfac.navy.mil/Divisions/Environmental/Products-and-Services/Environmental-Restoration/WASHINGTON/Washington-Navy-Yard/** or by scanning the QR code. Please email your written comments to Ms. Caitlyn Dugan at the address below **by September 14, 2026**.

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UPPER MARLBORO AREA

Cedar Grove Dr., 5407, $469,990.
Fairhaven Ave., 9302, $570,000.
Kenfield Lane, 5713, $665,500.
Montrose St., 9528, $360,000.
Reverend Rainsford Ct., 14144, $357,000.
Thomas Sim Lee Terr., 5311, $422,000.
Wyld Dr., 10712, $360,000.

WOODMORE-LAKE ARBOR AREA

Citation Ct., 3000, $820,000.
Erion Ct., 10005, $675,000.
Princess Victoria Way, 2705, $483,000.

CALVERT COUNTY

CHESAPEAKE BEACH AREA

Delores Ct., 7901, $410,000.
Saint Andrews Dr., 8975, $502,500.
10th St., 6548, $390,000.

DUNKIRK AREA

Jewell Rd., 1350, $470,000.

HUNTINGTOWN AREA

Bay Pkwy., 5122, $600,000.
Creek Ct. S., 4359, $707,000.
Stoneleigh Ct., 1545, $825,000.

LUSBY AREA

Calyx Rd., 12543, $400,000.
Crystal Rock Rd., 970, $315,000.
Great Lane, 12740, $560,000.
Hg Trueman Rd., 11487, $405,000.
New Jersey Ave., 13322, $300,000.
Pecos Ct., 465, $445,000.
Ropeknot Rd., 11511, $155,000.
Sollers Wharf Rd., 2115, $780,000.

NORTH BEACH AREA

Erie Ave., 8831, $516,000.
Ninth St., 4114, $220,000.

OWINGS AREA

Hall Creek Lane, 3312, $300,000.
Megatha Lane, 9260, $760,000.

PORT REPUBLIC AREA

Kate Dr., 1990, $624,999.

PRINCE FREDERICK AREA

Bay Ave., 180, $302,400.
Double Oak Rd. N., 249, $500,000.
Macrae Ave., 70, $150,000.
Sandy Point Rd., 5730, $882,740.

SOLOMONS AREA

Captains Ct., 13710, No. A4, $524,500.
Schooner Loop, 1304, $420,000.

ST. LEONARD AREA

Bond St., 7251, $689,900.
Indian Cir., 2031, $1.57 million.

SUNDERLAND AREA

Alpine Ct., 6260, $610,000.
Sunderland Dr., 130, $375,000.

CHARLES COUNTY

BRYANS ROAD AREA

Amherst Rd., 6775, $405,000.
Pistachio Pl., 6741, $478,000.

COBB ISLAND AREA

Oakley Dr., 16539, $240,000.

HUGHESVILLE-PRINCE FREDERICK ROAD AREA

Stoneleigh Pl., 12210, $725,000.

INDIAN HEAD AREA

Mason Springs Rd., 6157, $180,000.

ISSUE AREA

Wollaston Cir., 11372, $550,000.

LA PLATA AREA

Norfolk Dr., 1020, $650,000.
Well Spring Rd., 5420, $520,000.

NEWBURG-ROCK POINT ROAD AREA

Hill Rd., 13450, $1.04 million.

ST. CHARLES AREA

Sugar Maple Ct., 3500, $489,900.

WALDORF (EAST) AREA

Elizabeth Dr., 4370, $520,000.
Holly Ave., 8023, $365,000.
Killenney Pl., 9650, $540,686.
Shady Hill Lane, 4745, $565,000.

WALDORF (WEST) AREA

Beaugregory Ct., 5127, $425,000.
Pep Rally Lane, 9602, $637,000.
Vess Ct., 9478, $470,000.

WHITE PLAINS AREA

Emily Dickinson Pl., 11676, $468,000.
Sandestin Pl., 11351, $427,400.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

CALIFORNIA AREA

Ann Lane, 24115, $1 million.
Joan Dr., 22509, $340,000.
Risa Lane, 23345, $539,000.
Wild Iris St., 43588, $390,000.

CALLAWAY AREA

Hewitt Rd., 44964, $329,000.

GILBERT SWAMP RUN-TRINITY CHURCH ROAD AREA

Indian Creek Dr., 37992, $425,000.

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Kilkenny Pl., 45471, $362,400.

HOLLYWOOD AREA

Chandler Ct., 23412, $754,100.
Pinto Dr., 25250, $336,000.

LEONARDTOWN AREA

Belmar Dr., 23558, $685,000.
Medleys Neck Rd., 44074, $675,000.
White Point Beach Rd., 42116, $300,000.

LEXINGTON PARK AREA

Cameron Ct., 21452, $415,000.
Holly Rd., 45493, $250,000.
Sawgrass Dr., 20937, $497,600.
Tippett Rd., 20183, $560,000.

PINEY POINT AREA

Crab Pot Lane, 17270, $544,900.

RIDGE AREA

Curleys Rd., 49343, $125,000.

RYCEVILLE AREA

Chaffee Ct., 25983, $670,000.
Thomas Dr., 39375, $413,000.